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AND

SIXTY-NINTH ANNIVERSARY

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CONSTITUTION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

OF THE

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES IN MAINE.

REVISED JUNE 22, 1869.

ARTICLE 1. This Conference shall be called the GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF MAINE.

ART. 2. The General Conference shall consist of six delegates from each County Conference which has twenty or more churches,—three ministers and three laymen; and four delegates from each County Conference which has less than twenty churches,—two ministers and two laymen; and also of the officers, preachers, and committee for the time for which they were chosen, the delegates who the preceding year fulfilled their appointment, and the minister of the place where the Conference meets.

ART. 3. Both ministers and others present may, at the discretion of the Moderator, be invited to participate in the deliberations of this Body, though only members shall have the right to vote.

ART. 4. The presiding officer shall be a Moderator, chosen by ballot, to continue in office three years.

ART. 5. There shall be a Corresponding Secretary chosen by ballot, who shall hold his office for three years, whose duty it shall be to conduct the correspondence of the Conference, and also to collect information, and at each meeting exhibit a report of the state of religion within the limits of this Conference.

ART. 6. A Recording Secretary shall have charge of the Records of the Conference, who shall be elected by ballot, and hold his office for three years.

ART. 7. The object of the General Conference shall be to promote intercourse and harmony among the churches of the state, and to produce a more extensive co-operation in every good work.

ART. 8. The several County Conferences shall retain their individual rights and privileges; and no ecclesiastical power or authority shall ever be assumed by the General Conference, or be delegated to it.

ART. 9. The Conference shall meet on the Tuesday preceding the fourth Wednesday of June, annually, at nine o'clock A. M., at the place at which the Maine Missionary Society shall hold their annual meeting.

ART. 10. The Annual Meeting of this Conference shall be opened with singing, reading the Scriptures and prayer; and each subsequent session, whether for business or devotion, shall be opened with reading the Scriptures and prayer.

ART. 11. At each meeting of the Conference, a Committee of Arrangements consisting of three, shall be appointed for the succeeding meeting, and the subjects to be brought before the Conference shall ordinarily be introduced through their hands, and with their approbation.

ART. 12. This Conference may interchange friendly correspondence with other religious bodies in the habit of such intercourse, and delegates from other bodies to this Conference shall be admitted as honorary members, to participate in the deliberations.

ART. 13. Any County Conference may withdraw from this connection, by assigning to the Recording Secretary their reasons in writing.

ART. 14. The funds of the Conference to be raised by a contribution at each annual meeting, after deducting the incidental expenses, shall be paid into the Treasury of the Maine Missionary Society.

ART. 15. The Lord's supper shall be administered at the close of the public religious services, or at such other time as Conference may appoint.

ART. 16. The Conference shall establish its own by-laws and regulations, subject to alterations at their future meetings.

ART. 17. The Constitution of this Conference may be altered at an annual meeting of this Body, by two-thirds of the members present.

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Rules of the General Conference of the Congregational Churches in Maine.

Revised June 23, 1870.

1. At the appointed time for the assembling of the Conference, the Moderator shall take the chair and open the meeting, as provided in the Constitution ;—or, in his absence, the Recording Secretary shall call the members to order, and to the choice of a Moderator, who shall then conduct the devotional exercises.

2. The certificates of delegates shall then be laid upon the table, and the names of members enrolled.

3. The Constitution and Rules of the Conference shall then be read.

4. Next shall follow the election of officers as provided by the Constitution, and the appointment of committees.

5. At each meeting of the Conference, a first and second preacher shall be appointed for the next meeting.

6. The roll shall be called at the close of the first session, and at least once each day, subsequently, during the sitting of the Conference.

7. Every motion, on being seconded shall, if requested, be reduced to writing.

8. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, commitment, division of the question, termination of debate, to lay upon the table, or yeas and nays :—and these motions, except that for amendment, shall not be debated.

9. There shall be a Standing Committee of Nominations, consisting of six persons, so constituted that one-third of its members shall go out of office each year, and the precedence in vacating seats in this Board shall be in the order in which said committee is elected by this Conference. The committee shall elect a chairman, who shall keep a record of all appointments made by the Conference, in accordance with the annual report of the committee of nominations, and this committee shall have power to fill such vacancies as occur during the recess of the Conference.

10. The returns of the churches shall be made up to and include the first Sabbath in May, of each year,—and the publishing committee shall prepare blank schedules, and furnish them to the several Conferences for that purpose.

11. A committee of one from each County Conference shall be chosen annually to visit the Theological Seminary, Bangor. Such persons as have been selected by the several Conferences to represent them in said committee, shall first be reported. Vacancies to be filled by the nominating committee.

12. The Recording Secretary shall notify members appointed to services by the Conference, of such appointment, by letter, at the expense of Conference.

13. The printed Minutes of the Conference shall be the credentials of delegates to corresponding bodies. In case any delegate is unable, either by himself or his substitute, to attend in person, it shall be regarded as his duty to forward a written communication to the corresponding body for which he was appointed.

14. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to incorporate with the Minutes of Conference, a brief account of the meetings of the religious Societies, which hold their anniversaries in connection with the Conference.

15. A Publishing Committee, consisting of three, shall be annually appointed to superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes,—they shall issue the Minutes as soon as possible, and forward to each minister a copy by mail.

16. The Publishing Committee shall make known to the several County Conferences, the sum that may be needed to defray the expenses of publishing the Minutes of the Conference, or whatever balance may be due, after appropriating the annual collection at General Conference.

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OFFICERS AND CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES IN MAINE,

1876.

Fifty-first Annual Meeting in Calais, June 26, 1877.

Rev. WILLIAM H. FENN	*Moderator*	Portland.
Rev. EZRA H. BYINGTON	*Corresponding Secretary*	Brunswick.
Dea. ELNATHAN F. DUREN	*Rec. Sec. and Ch. Com. Publication*	Bangor.
Dea. JOSEPH S. WHEELWRIGHT	*Treasurer*	Bangor.
Dea. WILLIAM S. DENNETT	*Auditor*	Bangor.
Rev. J. B. WHEELWRIGHT	*Committee Sabbath Schools*	South Paris.
Rev. JOHN J. BULFINCH	*Chairman Committee Nominations*	Waldoboro.

Officers of the Maine Missionary Society.

Seventieth Anniversary in Calais, June 27, 1877.

Rev. JOHN O. FISKE	*President*	Bath.
Dea. JOSEPH S. WHEELWRIGHT	*Vice-President*	Bangor.
Rev. JONATHAN E. ADAMS	*Cor. and Recording Secretary*	Searsport.
JOSHUA MAXWELL	*Treasurer*	Portland.
Dea. THOMAS R. HAYES, GEORGE FRANCIS THURSTON	*Auditors*	Portland.

Officers of the Maine Congregational Charitable Society.

Forty-ninth Annual Meeting, June 26, 1877.

Rev. WOOSTER PARKER	*President*	Belfast.
Rev. SEWALL TENNEY	*Vice-President*	Ellsworth.
Rev. EDWARD F. CUTTER	*Secretary*	Rockland.
Rev. JONATHAN E. ADAMS	*Treasurer*	Searsport.
Dea. ROBERT PORTER	*Auditor*	Searsport.

Officers Maine Branch American College and Education Society.

Fifty-ninth Annual Meeting, June 27, 1877.

Rev. ENOCH POND	*President*	Bangor.
Rev. JOHN O. FISKE	*Vice-President*	Bath.
Rev. WILLIAM M. BARBOUR	*Secretary*	Bangor.
Prof. JOTHAM B. SEWALL	*Treasurer*	Brunswick.
JOHN BOWER	*Auditor*	Brunswick.

Woman's Board of Missions.—State Auxiliary.

Fourth Anniversary, June 28, 1877.

Receivers and Reporters.

Aroostook Conference—Rev. E. Bean, of Ft. Fairfield; *Cumberland*—Rev. A. Blanchard, of Cumberland Mills, Westbrook; *Franklin*—Dr. J. B. Savery, of Farmington; *Hancock*—Rev. E. R. Osgood, of West Brooksville; *Kennebec*—Rev. W. C. Curtis, of Richmond; *Lincoln and Sagadahoc*—Rev. A. J. McLeod, of Waldoboro; *Oxford*—A. W. Valentine, of Bethel; *Penobscot*—W. G. Duren, of Bangor; *Piscataquis*—Rev. R. W. Emerson, of Monson; *Somerset*—Rev. B. Tappan, of Norridgewock; *Union*—Rev. N. Lincoln, of North Bridgton; *Waldo*—Rev. A. N. Jones, of Jackson; *Washington*—Rev. C. Whittier, of Dennysville; *York*—Rev. W. S. Thompson, of Acton.

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MINUTES OF 1876.

The FIFTIETH Annual Meeting of the GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES IN MAINE, was held with the Churches in PORTLAND, commencing on Tuesday morning, June 27, at 9 o'clock A. M., in State street Church.

The *Moderator*, Rev. Solomon P. Fay, of Bangor, called to order.

United in singing, Hymn 1160—Songs of the Sanctuary:

"Glorious things of Thee are spoken." (*Sicily.*)

The Moderator read a part of Ps. 34 and Isa. 54, and led in prayer.

The Delegates and Members of Conference were enrolled.

COUNTY CONFERENCES REPRESENTED.

ARROOSTOOK.

Rev. Ebenezer Bean, of Fort Fairfield. Hon. E. R. Burpee, of Houlton.

CUMBERLAND.

Rev. Anson P. Tinker, of Auburn. George Emery, of Gorham.
Rev. Luther Wiswall, of Windham. Capt. Jordan, of Brunswick.
Rev. Ernest F. Borchers, of N. Yarmouth. Samuel Soule, of Yarmouth.

FRANKLIN.

Rev. Osgood W. Rogers, of Farmington. Dea. Seth Bass, of Wilton.
Rev. Jonas Burnham, of Farmington. Alonzo Walker, of New Sharon.

HANCOCK.

Rev. Edward R. Osgood, of W. Brooksville. Dea. Edward Swasey, of Bucksport.
Rev. Arthur H. Tebbetts, of Bluehill. F. A. Gross, of Orland.

KENNEBEC.

Rev. Henry F. Harding, of Hallowell. Dea. Simon Page, of Hallowell.
Rev. William C. Curtiss, of Richmond. Dea. Mason J. Metcalf, of Monmouth.

LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOC.

Rev. Henry S. Loring, of Phipsburg. William B. Trufant, of Bath.
Rev. Flavius V. Norcross, of Union. John A. Carter, of Boothbay.
Rev. Lewis Goodrich, of Warren. William Stetson, of Thomaston.

OXFORD.

Rev. John B. Wheelwright, of So. Paris. Hon. Enoch W. Woodbury, of Bethel.
Rev. George A. Lockwood, of Oxford. Alfred W. Valentine, of Bethel.

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PENOBSCOT.

Rev. J. Evarts Pond, of Hampden. Dea. O. A. Waterhouse, of Up. Stillwater.
Rev. Solomon P. Fay, of Bangor. Dea. Joseph S. Wheelwright, of Bangor.

PISCATAQUIS.

Rev. Charles L. Nichols, of Brownville. Dea. C. H. B. Woodbury, of Dover.
Rev. Peter B. Thayer, of Garland. George A. Bradman, of Abbott.

SOMERSET.

Rev. Webster Woodbury, of Skowhegan. Rev. Benjamin Tappan, of Norridgewock.

UNION.

Rev. John W. Brownville, of So. Bridgton. John G. Hamblin, of Lovell.
Rev. J. P. Stinchfield, of Lovell. George B. Barrows, of Fryeburg.

WALDO.

Rev. John A. Ross, of Belfast. J. S. Caldwell, of Belfast.
Rev. Benjamin B. Merrill, of Sandy Point. John G. Pendleton, of Searsport.

WASHINGTON.

Rev. Stephen L. Bowler, of Machias. Dea. Warren Hill, of Machias.
Rev. George W. Kelley, of East Machias. Henry H. Barnard, of Calais.

YORK.

Rev. Walter E. Darling, of Kennebunk. Dr. Thomas Haley, of Biddeford.
Rev. George Lewis, of South Berwick. Dr. Albion K. P. Meserve, of Buxton.

MEMBERS EX-OFFICIIS.

OFFICERS.—Rev. Solomon P. Fay, of Bangor; Rev. William H. Fenn, of Portland; Dea. Elnathan F. Duren, of Bangor; Dea. Joseph S. Wheelwright, of Bangor.

MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES.—Revs. Jonathan E. Adams, of Searsport; John W. H. Baker, of New Sharon; Ebenezer Bean, of Fort Fairfield; A. Blanchard, of Cumberland Mills; Stephen L. Bowler, of Machias; John W. Brownville, of South Bridgton; John J. Bulfinch, of Waldoboro; Jonas Burnham, of Farmington; John J. Carruthers, of Portland; John R. Chalmers, of Biddeford; Albert Cole, of Cornish; William C. Curtiss, of Richmond; Walter E. Darling, of Kennebunk; William H. Fenn, of Portland; John O. Fiske, of Bath; David Garland, of Bethel; Edward Y. Hincks, of Portland; Henry S. Loring, of Phipsburg; Javan K. Mason, of Thomaston; Charles G. McCully, of Hallowell; Flavius V. Norcross, of Union; William F. Obear, of New Castle; Osgood W. Rogers, of Farmington; Alpheus S. Packard, of Brunswick; Enoch Pond, of Bangor; Jeremiah E. Pond, of Hampden; John A. Ross, of Belfast; Benjamin Tappan, of Norridgewock; Sewall Tenney, of Ellsworth; Peter B. Thayer, of Garland; Stephen Thurston, of Searsport; John B. Wheelwright, of South Paris; Webster Woodbury, of Skowhegan; Deacs. Elnathan F. Duren, of Bangor; Thomas R. Hayes, Samuel W. Larrabee, Charles A. Lord, and Brown Thurston, of Portland; Simon Page, of Hallowell; and Hon. Enoch W. Woodbury, of Bethel.

MINISTERS OF THE PLACE.—Revs. John J. Carruthers, Wm. H. Fenn, Edward Y. Hincks.

PREACHER.—Rev. James H. Ecob, of Augusta.

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DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES WHO FULFILLED THEIR APPOINTMENTS.

Rev. George S. Dickerman, of Lewiston, to the Maine Methodist Conference; Rev. John Dinsmore, of Winslow, to Free Will Baptist Yearly Meeting; Rev. William Forsyth, of Bucksport, to East Maine Methodist Conference; Rev. Lewis Goodrich, of Warren, to Maine Baptist Convention.

DELEGATE FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Rev. William H. Shailer, of Portland, from the Maine Baptist Convention.

The Constitution and Rules were read by the Secretary.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Rev. WILLIAM H. FENN.....Portland.....*Moderator.*
Rev. EZRA. H. BYINGTON.....Brunswick.....*Corresponding Secretary.*
Dea. ELNATHAN F. DUREN.....Bangor.....*Recording Secretary.*
Dea. JOSEPH S. WHEELWRIGHT.....Bangor.....*Treasurer.*
Dea. WILLIAM S. DENNETT.....Bangor.....*Auditor.*

Rev. S. P. Fay, the retiring Moderator, introduced the newly elected Moderator, who, with appropriate remarks, accepted the office, and entered upon its duties.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

The following were chosen in place of two whose term of office had expired:

Rev. J. EVARTS POND, of Penobscot Conference.
Rev. CHARLES WHITTIER, of Washington Conference.

All ministers and representatives of the churches present were invited to take part in all deliberations, though the voting is confined to members of the Conference.

REPORTS OF DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Rev. Lewis Goodrich, of Warren, reported his attendance and cordial reception as delegate to the Maine Baptist Convention, at Hallowell.

Rev. John Dinsmore, of Winslow, was present at the Free Baptist Yearly Meeting, at Pittsfield, and was heartily welcomed.

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Rev. George S. Dickerman, of Lewiston, reported his attendance at the meeting of the Maine Methodist Conference, at Lewiston, and was cordially received.

Rev. William Forsyth, of Bucksport, reported by letter that he had fulfilled his appointment as delegate to East Maine Methodist Conference, in Bucksport, and was kindly received and welcomed by that body.

Rev. A. J. McLeod, of Waldoboro, was present, and presented the greetings of this Conference, at the meeting of the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, in Liverpool, N. S.

PASTORLESS CHURCHES.

Rev. E. Y. Hincks, chairman of the committee appointed last year, reported that he had no formal communication to make. Rev. S. L. Bowler reported that he had visited six of such churches, and preached to each of them.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Dea. Joseph S. Wheelwright, of Bangor, Treasurer, presented his report, which together with the Report of the Auditor accompanying, were duly accepted.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand from old acc't		$17 80	
Collection at Annual Meeting in Augusta, 1875		22 77	
Balance of Cumberland Conference, 1874	19 10		
Washington Conference, 1874	26 50	45 60	
(1) County Conferences, 1875		365 85	
			$452 02

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Freight, Postage, Blanks, and Expenses, 1875		$128 69	
" Burr & Robinson's bill, printing and binding Minutes, 1875		315 90	
" G. N. Marden's bill, Postage and Circulars		4 85	
Balance to new acc't		2 58	
			$452 02

(1) Aroostook,	$6 00	Lincoln and S.,	$33 00	Union,	$26 00
Cumberland,	98 00	Oxford,	11 56	Waldo,	12 38
Franklin,	19 87	Penobscot,	32 00	Washington,	22 00
Hancock,	17 00	Piscataquis,	14 00	York,	39 00
Kennebec,	25 00	Somerset,	10 04		
		Total			$365 85

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DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

United in singing—"Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove."

A half hour was occupied with prayer and remarks, participated in by Revs. Thomas Adams, of Winslow; W. Woodbury, of Skowhegan; A. Blanchard, of Cumberland Mills; C. H. Gates, of Kennebunkport; S. P. Fay, of Bangor; G. W. Christie, of Kittery; Amos Redlon, of Abbott; George Lewis, of South Berwick; Messrs. J. S. Caldwell, of Belfast, and F. E. Shaw, of Portland. Prominent reference was made to the revivals which have been enjoyed the past year, and lessons to be derived from them.

United in singing during the time, "All hail the power of Jesus' name;" "The hill of Zion yields;" "Hold the Fort," etc.

THE SABBATH.

On motion of Rev. Wooster Parker, of Belfast, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this Conference heartily approve the action of the Centennial Commission in closing the exhibition on the Sabbath, and urge the continuance of the restriction.

The large audience present, by request of Conference, expressed their approval of the same by rising.

The question of referring to other matters pertaining to the Sabbath, in connection with the above vote, was discussed; and after debate, in which Revs. J. O. Fiske, Joseph Smith, J. K. Mason, Albert Cole, Thomas Adams, David B. Sewall, and others, took part, it was

On motion of Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath:

Voted, That a committee be appointed to present some further expression of the views of the Conference in reference to the observance of the Sabbath.

COMMITTEE.—Revs. J. O. Fiske, E. Y. Hincks, and Sewall Tenney.

They subsequently reported the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this Conference views with extreme regret the employment of steamboat and railroad excursions of pleasure on the Sabbath; and that they cannot regard the plea that many make use of them for the purpose of attending religious services, a sufficient justification for this desecration of the Lord's day.

A recess of ten minutes was had, which was heartily enjoyed as a season of social intercourse.

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CONFERENCE SERMON.

11 A. M.

United in singing—"Nearer my God to thee."

Rev. A. P. Tinker, of Auburn, read the 9th chapter of Acts.

Rev. J. O. Fiske led in prayer.

Sung Hymn 362—"Christ above all glory seated."

Sermon, Rev. James H. Ecob, of Augusta.

TEXT.—Acts 19:2. "He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto Him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost."

THEME.—"Intention, not attainment; spirit, not formulæ; the essential elements of the religious life. (Published in Ch. Mirror, July 8.)

Prayer by the preacher.

United in singing Hymn 312,—"When I survey the wondrous cross."

Report from Rev. E. Y. Hincks, chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, which was accepted.

After the calling of the roll,

Adjourned.

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2 o'clock P. M. Prayer-Meeting, occupying half an hour, conducted by Rev. S. P. Fay, of Bangor, in which the leader and Prof. Packard, of Brunswick, Rev. Albert Cole, of Cornish, and others, took part.

IN MEMORIAM.

The Recording Secretary gave an abridged notice of the Necrology for the year. (See page 38.)

A Hymn was sung to their memory (1201:)

"With us their names shall live."

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Report of the state of the Churches prepared by the Secretary, Rev. E. H. Byington, of Brunswick, was read on account of his unexpected and necessary absence, by Rev. E. Y. Hincks.

It was accepted, to be published with the Minutes.

United in singing Hymn 1151,—"Watchman! tell us of the night."

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THE NEEDS OF THE CHURCHES.

The condition and needs of the Churches, as disclosed by the reports, was the first topic for discussion.

This was introduced by Rev. Henry V. Emmons, of Hallowell, followed with remarks by Revs. John W. Chickering, of Massachusetts, Enoch Pond, of Bangor, D. Garland, of Bethel, Geo. S. Dickerman, of Lewiston, J. R. Chalmers, of Biddeford, A. Redlon, of Abbott, J. W. H. Baker, of New Sharon, O. W. Rogers, of Farmington, and E. Bean, of Fort Fairfield. A part of this discussion and narrative, was presented before the arrival of the Report; but enough was known of the unusual religious interest in many parts of the State, to furnish abundant material for remark.

Sung Hymn 1158,—"Saw ye not the cloud arise." (*Nuremberg.*)

United in prayer with Rev. Samuel Tenney, of Ellsworth.

Benediction by Rev. Josiah T. Hawes, of Kennebec Conference.

Evening.

United in singing Hymn 605,—"Jesus, lover of my soul." (*Martyn.*)

The Moderator read Colossians, 2d chapter.

Prayer by Rev. Henry H. Osgood, of Union Conference.

MAINE CONGREGATIONAL CHARITABLE SOCIETY.

FORMED IN PORTLAND, OCTOBER 16, 1828.

Incorporated February 25, 1829.

FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING.

Rev. Wooster Parker, of Belfast, President.

The Report of the Treasurer, Rev. J. E. Adams, of Searsport, was presented, duly audited.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in the Treasury, 1875	$708 26	
Contribution at Annual Meeting in Augusta	82 22	
Collection in five Churches	101 64	
From seventeen individuals	215 65	
Interest from invested funds	315 30	
		$1,423 07

EXPENDITURES.

Paid to fifteen families	$595 00	
Expenses	2 00	
Invested	100 00	
Balance in Treasury, to new account	726 07	
		$1,423 07

Amount of Invested funds, $3,100.

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Accompanying the Report, the Treasurer read several letters from persons expressing great interest in this Society, and from others returning most hearty thanks for the aid furnished them by it.

Remarks added by the President and Dr. Chickering.

A collection was taken, amounting to $60.40.

OFFICERS OF THE MAINE CONGREGATIONAL CHARITABLE SOCIETY.

Rev. WOOSTER PARKER.....*President*.....Belfast.
Rev. SEWALL TENNEY.....*Vice-President*.....Ellsworth.
Rev. EDWARD F. CUTTER.....*Secretary*.....Rockland.
Rev. JONATHAN E. ADAMS.....*Treasurer*.....Searsport.
Dea. ROBERT PORTER.....*Auditor*.....Searsport.

The President, Secretary, and Treasurer, *ex-officiis*, Rev. Messrs. E. POND, S. TENNEY, S. THURSTON, J. K. MASON, E. H. BYINGTON, and S. P. FAY, *Trustees*.

8 P. M.

United in singing Hymn 394,—"Spirit divine! attend our prayer."

ATTENDANCE UPON PUBLIC WORSHIP.

Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Searsport, chairman of the Committee appointed last year (Minutes, p. 17), to report with reference to the number of attendants upon public worship, in this State, presented the results of their labors.

The Report was accepted, and ordered published in the Minutes. (See Appendix).

REVIVALS.

The responsibility of ministers and churches in connection with revivals, was the topic which occupied the remainder of the evening. Remarks by Revs. A. P. Tinker, of Auburn, and G. S. Dickerman, of Lewiston.

United in prayer with Rev. Crosby H. Wheeler, of the Harpoot Mission, Turkey.

Adjourned.

Second Day.—Wednesday, June 28.

8 A. M. Prayer-Meeting in the vestry of High street Church, led by Rev. George A. Lockwood, of Oxford. The hour was fully occupied with prayer and praise, with reminiscences of the past, and incidents of recent revivals.

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MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Organized in 1807.

SIXTY-NINTH ANNIVERSARY.

Nine o'clock A. M., in High street Church.

Ten minutes were occupied in the "service of song," led by Rev. William F. Obear, of New Castle.

The President, Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath, read the 60th chapter of Isaiah.

United in singing Hymn 1039,—Sabbath Hymn and Tune-Book: "Hail to the Lord's anointed." (*Goodwin.*)

Prayer by Rev. Smith Baker, jr., of Lowell, Mass.

Sung Hymn 1017,—"I love thy kingdom, Lord." (*Boylston.*)

Sermon by Rev. George S. Dickerman, of Lewiston.

TEXT.—Acts 15:41, 16:5. "And he went through Syria and Cilicia confirming the churches." "And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily."

THEME.—The nurture of the Churches.

The Sermon, Report of the Treasurer, and Trustees, the Topics, Speakers, Remarks, and Votes following, are reported in the proceedings of the Society, and included in this pamphlet; also the officers of the ensuing year.

Annual contribution, $100.85.

United in singing Hymn 1111,—"God bless our native land." (*America.*)

Benediction by Rev. Stephen Thurston, of Searsport.

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2 o'clock P. M. Prayer-Meeting, in charge of Rev. H. H. Osgood, of Naples, who read the fourth chapter of Ephesians. Remarks by the leader, Mrs. Southworth, of Kennebunkport, and others.

United in singing Hymn 843,—"Blest hour."
" 995,—"Forever here my rest shall be."
" 989,—"Nearer to thee."

2:30 P. M. The Moderator read the first chapter of Ephesians.

United in singing Hymn 825,—"Long as I live I'll bless thy name."

Prayer, led by Rev. Horatio Ilsley, of Cumberland Conference.

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BANGOR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Rev. Sewall Tenney, of Hancock Conference, in behalf of the Committee who visited the Seminary, at its last anniversary, presented their report.

The report was accepted, and referred to the Publishing Committee. (See Appendix.)

BOWDOIN COLLEGE.

Rev. Professor Alpheus S. Packard, of Brunswick, in a felicitous manner, referred to the condition of the College, and the place it designed to occupy in this State, and its relations to us.

CLASSICAL SCHOOL.

Rev. Henry F. Harding, Secretary, referred to this Institution at Hallowell, as an accomplished fact; to its standing of scholarship as inferior to no similar school in New England. Rev. Alman W. Burr, the Principal, spoke of the aims of the Institution, and the desire to make it a thorough Christian School. Rev. John O. Fiske, commended the Institution to the confidence, the prayers, and the patronage of the Churches.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP.

3.30 P. M.

United in singing Hymn 892,—"My soul! weigh not thy life." (*Silver Street.*)

Addresses on this topic were made by Revs. Abiel H. Wright, of Portland; Addison Blanchard, of Cumberland Mills; Truman S. Perry, of Cumberland Center, and Cyrus Hamlin, of Constantinople.

United in singing Hymn 857,—"Blest be the tie." (*Olmutz.*)

COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.

The previous service appropriately prepared the way for this ordinance.

The Moderator extended an invitation to all who were in fellowship with Christ and his Church, to unite in its observance.

Sung Hymn 301,—"There is a fountain filled with blood."

Rev. Enoch Pond, of Bangor, offered remarks, and invoked the divine

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blessing, at the distribution of the bread. Rev. Cyrus Hamlin, of Constantinople, made remarks, and returned thanks at the offering of the cup.

The elements were distributed by Deacons Simon Page, of Hallowell; William Hill, of Machias; Seth Bass, of Wilton; Samuel Larrabee, Joshua Hobbs, Brown Thurston, and Charles A. Lord, of Portland.

Annual collection taken—$49.31.

Sung Hymn 722,—"My faith looks up to thee."

Benediction by Dr. Pond.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL SERVICES.

EVENING, 7.30.

Organ voluntary, Miss Lucy N. Blanchard.

Quartette by the choir of the Church. (*H. Millard.*)

Mrs. W. P. Chase, *Soprano;* Miss Annie K. Hill, *Contralto;* Samuel Thurston, *Tenor;* Fred. A. Tukey, *Bass.*

A selection from the Scriptures was read by the Moderator, from 2 Samuel 7; Psalm 136; and Eph. 3.

Prayer, Rev. John J. Carruthers, pastor of the Payson Memorial Church, Portland.

Address by Rev. Professor Alpheus S. Packard, of Bowdoin College.

TEXT.—1 Samuel 7:12. "Then Samuel took a stone and set it between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Ebenezer, saying, Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

The address in full is published by vote of Conference, with the Minutes.

Rev. Thomas N. Lord, of Limerick, presented to the Conference the manuscript of the first sermon preached before the Conference, on the day of its organization, in the Second Church, Portland, January 10, 1826, by Rev. Charles Freeman, of Limerick. The text, so appropriate to the occasion, was 1 Cor. 12 : 27. "Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular." Mr. Lord paid a fitting tribute to the memory of the preacher, and referred to the prominent part he took in all that pertained to the welfare of the churches, and in the promotion of the objects of the conference system.

The Conference voted its thanks for the gift.

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The Moderator took pleasure in receiving it, and passing it into the hands of the Recording Secretary.

The Secretary said he was specially interested in the charge entrusted to him, as the author was his own revered and beloved uncle, and for twelve years the faithful Corresponding Secretary of the Conference.

The Conference expressed its thanks to Professor Packard for his address, and requested a copy of the same for publication with the Minutes.

United in singing Hymn 1090,—

"Let children hear the mighty deeds,
Which God performed of old." (*St. Martin's.*)

Rev. Ray Palmer, of New York, was introduced by the Moderator, as the author of the well-known Hymn, "My faith looks up to thee;" and as one who had been long connected with the churches in Maine. Dr. Palmer gave interesting reminiscences of the churches, ministers, and laity of Maine during his sixteen years residence in this State, and of the fellowship and profit of the Conferences.

On motion of Ex-Governor Dingley:

Voted, To resume these semi-centennial services to-morrow afternoon at 2.30 o'clock, in the Second Church.

Rev. E. Y. Hincks, Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, made a report for the exercises to-morrow, which was accepted.

Sung the Doxology,—"Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

Benediction by Rev. John W. Chickering.

Adjourned.

Third Day.—Thursday, June 29.

8 o'clock, A. M. Prayer-Meeting in Payson Memorial Church, conducted by Rev. Wm. A. Bosworth, of Deering. The time fully occupied with prayer and praise, reminiscences of the past, and incitives to fidelity in the future.

9 o'clock.

United in singing Hymn 1170, Church Hymn-Book,—

"Happy the souls to Jesus joined." (*Woodstock.*)

The Moderator read the 84th Psalm.

Prayer, by Rev. Luther Wiswall, of Cumberland Conference.

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BLANK RETURNS FOR THE CHURCHES.

Rev. A. Blanchard, of Cumberland Mills, of the Committee to whom was referred last year, the question as to a revision of the Blank Schedule for the annual return of the Churches, reported the form which had been sent to the Churches for the returns for the present year, ending May 8, 1876.

Accepted.

On motion of Rev. John W. H. Baker, of New Sharon:

Voted, That the column giving the average of church attendance, in the returns of the past year, be omitted in the printed Minutes.

A form adopted and recommended by a convention of Secretaries of State Conferences and Associations, held in Boston, May 31, 1876, was referred to a Committee of one from each of the local Conferences: *Aroostook*, Rev. E. Bean; *Cumberland*, Rev. A. Blanchard; *Franklin*, Rev. J. Burnham; *Hancock*. Rev. E. R. Osgood; *Kennebec*, Rev. W. C. Curtis; *Lincoln and Sagadahoc*, Rev. F. V. Norcross; *Oxford*, Rev. D. Garland; *Penobscot*, Rev. J. E. Pond; *Piscataquis*, Dea. C. H. B. Woodbury; *Somerset*, Rev. W. Woodbury; *Union*, Rev. J. W. Brownville; *Waldo*, Rev. J. A. Ross; *Washington*, Rev. S. L. Bowler; *York*, Rev. W. E. Darling.

Rev. A. Blanchard, in behalf of the Committee, made the following report, which was accepted.

The committee reported in favor of adopting the suggestions of the paper, as to an annual and quinquennial collection of statistics, and as to the items to be included in the schedules of the same, with the exception of item 5, giving the salary of ministers. They also suggest that the inquiries concerning the number of families, and the miscellaneous charities, be so carefully worded, that there need be no mistake as to the exact meaning.

The suggestion that the statistical year be changed so as to begin with January 1st, was not recommended.

The committee also recommend the suggestion (V) that only the names of such ministers be reported as are members of some local association or conference, &c., as above. The report was accepted.

Before adopting the report it was amended, on motion of Rev. Stephen Thurston so as to include the item of salary of ministers among its recommendations.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Rev. William F. Obear, of New Castle, Chairman of the Committee, made the following report, which was accepted and adopted, as follows:

COMMITTEES.

Standing of Ministers.

Rev. ENOCH POND.....Bangor.	Rev. J. O. FISKE.....Bath.
Rev. STEPHEN THURSTON....Searsport.	Rev. SEWALL TENNEY.....Ellsworth.
Rev. JOHN J. CARRUTHERS..Portland.	

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Sabbath Schools.

REV. JOHN B. WHEELWRIGHT, of South Paris.

Publication of Minutes.

Dea. E. F. DUREN, of Bangor; Rev. EZRA H. BYINGTON, of Brunswick, and Prof. LEVI L. PAINE, of Bangor.

To visit the Theological Seminary, Bangor.

MEMBERS.	RESIDENCE.	CONFERENCE.
Rev. EBENEZER BEAN	Fort Fairfield	*Aroostook.*
Rev. WILLIAM H. FENN	Portland	*Cumberland.*
Rev. JONAS BURNHAM	Farmington	*Franklin.*
Rev. EDWARD R. OSGOOD	West Brooksville	*Hancock.*
Rev. JAMES H. ECOB	Augusta	*Kennebec.*
Rev. ANDREW J. MCLEOD	Waldoboro'	*Lincoln and Sagadahoc.*
Rev. DAVID GARLAND	Bethel	*Oxford.*
Prof. M. C. FERNALD	Orono	*Penobscot.*
Rev. AMOS REDLON	Abbott	*Piscataquis.*
Rev. THOMAS G. MITCHELL	Madison	*Somerset.*
Rev. BAMAN N. STONE	Fryeburg	*Union.*
Rev. GUSTAVUS W. JONES	Winterport	*Waldo.*
Rev CHARLES WHITTIER	Dennysville	*Washington.*
Rev. BENJAMIN P. SNOW	Alfred	*York.*

DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Delegates to attend in person, or send a written communication.—RULE 13.

Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

May, 1877, in Gardiner.

PRIMARY.	SUBSTITUTE.
Rev. AUSTIN L. PARK, of Gardiner.	Rev. WILLIAM C. CURTIS, of Richmond.

East Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

May, 1877, in Thomaston.

Rev. JAVAN K. MASON, of Thomaston. | Rev. LEWIS GOODRICH, of Warren.

Maine Baptist Missionary Convention.

Third Tuesday in June (19,) 1877.

Rev. ALFRED E. IVES, of Castine. | Rev. ABIEL H. WRIGHT, of Portland.

Free Will Baptist Yearly Meeting.

August 20, 1876, in North Montville.

Rev. WELLINGTON R. CROSS, of Camden. | Rev. JOHN A. ROSS, of Belfast.

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(By vote of Conference [Minutes 1872, page 9] the sending of delegates out of the State is discontinued. Any member of Conference, who may be present at either of the meetings, is authorized to represent this body. A list of State Conferences and Associations, with time and place of meeting, may be found in the Appendix.)

NEXT MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

On Tuesday preceding the fourth Wednesday of June (26,) 1877, at nine o'clock A. M., with the church in Calais.

Committee of Arrangements.

Rev. CHARLES G. MCCULLY, of Calais; Rev. CHARLES WHITTIER, of Dennysville; and Dr. CHARLES SWAN, of Calais.

Committee to represent the Maine Branch of the American College and Education Society, and the Maine Congregational Charitable Society.

Rev. WILLIAM M. BARBOUR, of Bangor; Rev. EDWARD F. CUTTER, of Belfast.

Preacher—Tuesday Forenoon.

PRIMARY.	ALTERNATE.
Rev. AUSTIN L. PARK, of Gardiner.	Rev. WILLIAM HART, of Bath.

Committee on Nominations.

Rev. JOHN J. BULFINCH, of Lincoln and Sagadahoc Conference.
Rev. NEHEMIAH LINCOLN, of Union Conference.
Rev. JOHN R. CHALMERS, of York Conference.
Dea. SIMON PAGE, of Kennebec Conference.
Rev. J. EVARTS POND, of Penobscot Conference.
Rev. CHARLES WHITTIER, of Washington Conference.

THE MINUTES.

The expense of publishing the minutes, being necessarily larger this year, the publishing committee propose, if Conference approve, to issue a circular, as in 1867, requesting those that desire copies to order them, sending the amount specified for the same, so enabling the committee to judge more nearly, what number of copies to print, and lessening the cost to the local conferences.

The plan was approved by Conference and the number to be printed left with the committee.

A motion of Rev. J. T. Hawes, of Litchfield, as to the term acting-pastor, or stated supply—and as to what constitutes a pastor—was laid on the table.

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SALUTATIONS OF CORRESPONDING BODIES

Rev. Wm. H. Shailer, of Portland, presented the greetings of the Maine Baptist Convention.

A letter was read from Rev. Wm. L. Brown, of Bangor, conveying the christian greeting of the East Maine Methodist Conference.

Rev. Duncan McGregor, Chairman of the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, communicated by letter, their brotherly congratulations, on this centennial year. (Pub. in Ch. Mir., July 15.)

"Across the border line that now geographically separates us we send our cordial greeting to all in Conference assembled. We shake hands across the dividing line, for 'One is our Master, even Christ, and all we are brethren.'"

A copy of their Year Book accompanied the letter.

To these fraternal communications the Moderator appropriately responded.

A recess was voted for the annual meeting of the Education Society.

MAINE BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE AND EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Organized in Portland, November 19, 1818.

FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY.

Rev. Enoch Pond, President.

In the absence of the Secretary, E. F. Duren was chosen Secretary, *pro tem.*

The Report of the Treasurer, Rev. J. B. Sewall, of Bowdoin College, was read and accepted.

RECEIPTS.

Collection at Annual Meeting, 1875	$49 59	
From eleven churches	175 51	
" three individuals	25 00	
" one Sabbath School	25 00	
Bank Dividends	40 00	
From Parent Society	350 00	
		$870 10

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Beneficiaries	$275 00	
" Parent Society	515 10	
On hand to new account	80 00	
		$870 10

Total amount paid the past year to Beneficiaries in Bowdoin College and Bangor Seminary, by the Parent Society and the Maine Branch, $2,941 70.

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Remarks were made by Dr. Pond and Rev. C. H. Wheeler.

Contribution taken, $17.79.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

Rev. ENOCH POND.....Bangor.....*President.*
Rev. JOHN O. FISKE.....Bath.....*Vice-President.*
Rev. WILLIAM M. BARBOUR.....Bangor.....*Secretary.*
Rev. JOTHAM B. SEWALL.....Brunswick.....*Treasurer.*
JOHN BOWER.....Brunswick.....*Auditor.*

DIRECTORS.—President and Secretary, *ex-officiis*, Prof. ALPHEUS S. PACKARD, of Brunswick, and Dea. GEORGE A. THATCHER, of Bangor.

Adjourned.

Conference resumed its session.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Report of the Secretary, Rev. J. B. Wheelwright, of South Paris, was read.

THE STUDY OF THE BIBLE.

Rev. Charles G. McCully, of Calais, presented the topic:

"The study of the Bible in our churches,—by what methods can it be more effectively prosecuted?"

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Moderator called to the chair, J. Russell Bradford, Esq., of Boston, who delivered the opening address.

Sung Hymn 1227,—"Zion awake." (*Missionary Chant.*)

Rev. N. G. Clark, one of the Secretaries of the Am. Board, Rev. Cyrus Hamlin, of Constantinople, and Rev. C. H. Wheeler, of the Harpoot Mission, Turkey, made clear and forcible appeals for the cause. Maps well designed to show the extent of the field, were hung up in view of the audience, and referred to by the speakers in enforcing their remarks. Rev. E. Y. Hincks responded in behalf of the Churches of Maine, assuring the representatives of the Board of their interest in the work, and their purpose to sustain it.

Sung Hymn 1229,—"Ascend thy throne, almighty King." (*Missionary Chant.*)

Adjourned.

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2.30 P. M.

United in singing Hymn 1101,—"Jesus shall reign where'er the sun." (*Ward.*)

The Moderator read the fifth chapter of 1st Thessalonians.

Prayer.—Rev. Amasa Loring, of Piscataquis Conference.

The Conference indorsed a Resolution, reported by Ex-Gov. Dingley, and adopted by the Maine Missionary Society, in reference to the retirement of Rev. Stephen Thurston as Secretary of the Society;—reported with the proceedings of the Maine Missionary Society.

TEMPERANCE.

Rev. Stephen L. Bowler, of Machias, introduced the following Resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That as members of this Conference, we recognize the good hand of our God in the recent religious movement in the interests of Temperance Reform. That we especially rejoice in the elements of permanence and strength given in answer to prayer; and that we render thanks to Almighty God for the great and crowning success he has given to the efforts made in His name, for this interest during the past year.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

Frederick E. Shaw, Esq., delegate from the Maine Association, reported the work which had been accomplished by them during the year. It had been followed by marks of the divine favor.

AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL UNION.

Rev. Ray Palmer, of New York, referred to the objects of this Society in aiding churches to build meeting-houses.

Rev. Amos Redlon, acting pastor at Abbott, acknowledged with a grateful heart the responses made yesterday by churches and individuals, toward completing the new meeting-house now building in that town. $400 had been received.

SEAMEN.

Rev. Francis Southworth, of Portland, briefly, but effectively, plead their cause.

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SEMI-CENTENNIAL REMINISCENCES.

The special services held last evening, were continued by vote of the Conference this afternoon.

United in singing Hymn 1092,—"Great is the Lord our God." (*Shirland.*)

The time was fully occupied until a late hour in remarks and reminiscences.

Rev. Cyrus Hamlin, of Constantinople, referred to the passion Dr. Payson had for souls, and of the interest he took in him while a young man, attending his Bible class, and through whose instrumentality he was led to consecrate himself to Christ.

Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath, dwelt upon the social intercourse, harmony, and fraternal feeling which had ever prevailed in the Conference. Although there had been difference of opinion, especially in reference to temperance and anti-slavery, and expressed in most decided terms, yet there had been no alienation of feeling. One common faith, one common bond, one Living Head, had controlled all; and we were brethren. He referred to the apostolic fathers, John Sawyer and Jotham Sewall.

Ex-Governor Dingley read portions of an interesting letter from Rev. Edward F. Cutter, now in California, giving his recollections of many of the ministers and laymen,—and of some of the peculiar characteristics of the Conference,—which the Conference voted to publish with the Minutes.

A communication from Rev. Thomas Adams, of Winslow, received by the committee, gave an account of the origin of the Kennebec Conference, and recollections of many of those who were contemporary with him, during his ministry in this State.

Dr. Carruthers, of the Payson Memorial Church, Portland, followed with eloquent remarks on the principles of union and Christian love which had prevailed in the Conference, and the importance of maintaining and preaching the essential truths of the gospel, which had hitherto wrought such blessed results.

Mr. S. O. Danielson, of Limington, gave some reminiscences of Dr. Payson, in 1819.

Dea. Charles A. Lord referred to Dr. Payson, Rev. Joseph P. Fessenden, his pastor, William Ladd, Woodbury Storer, and others. He recalled his attendance at Dr. Payson's church, July 3, 1825, when Gen.

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Lafayette visited this city. There was an unusual number of strangers in Portland on Saturday previous, to witness the triumphal entrance of so distinguished a visitor—the eminent French nobleman and statesman, a General of the American Revolution, intimate friend and member of Washington's military family. Dr. Payson's church was crowded on that day, and the preacher's prayer for the "Nation's Guest" was as remarkable as the occasion.* A copy was requested for publication, a practice less common then than now, but Dr. P. replied that those utterances came with the occasion and went with his breath.

Referring to the remark of the venerable annalist of this occasion, that "the former days were better than these," Mr. L. exhibited a sermon written by a Maine clergyman only a year before he died, (in 1858,) then ninety-six years old! The chirography of this manuscript was neat and distinct. The speaker also remarked that, at the meeting of the Maine Missionary Society, at Kennebunkport, just fifty years ago, June 28, 1826, the contribution was $111.24,—larger than that yesterday by ten dollars!

Rev. Wm. Warren, of Gorham, spoke of the fraternal feeling existing between the Conference and other denominations, and of the influence which the Christian Mirror had exerted during the half century, in making the churches, and Bangor Seminary, and Bowdoin College, what they now are. And he exhorted the Conference and all the churches and members that comprise it, to see that it has a vigorous life. He referred to the wonderful revival at Fryeburg, following a meeting of the General Conference in 1831; to the fervent appeals of Rev. Perez Chapin, who was the means of leading him, and many others, into the new life. Revs. Charles Freeman, Samuel Johnson, Dr. Tyler, Wm. Clark, and Ether Shepley, were also noticed.

Rev. D. D. Tappan, of Weld, suggested reminiscences of Freeman, Charles Jenkins, and Payson. The latter he characterized as a man of prodigious rapidity; his eye on the goal, resting not until it be attained.

Rev. Sewall Tenney, of Ellsworth, spoke of his feelings while listening to the memorial address of last evening. The congregation seemed

*It was not generally known that Gen. Lafayette left town at an early hour Sunday. Governor Parris informed the distinguished guest, through his aide-de-camp, that if he would defer his departure till Monday morning, he would gladly accompany him to the State line; but that he could not pay him any public attention on the Sabbath. May the country ever have rulers who will honor God rather than man.

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dissolving, and all earthly things fading away, and in their place the spirits of the just made perfect came,—and then another scene,—the company of the departed looking upon us, and bearing testimony as to what we were doing here.

Rev. Jonas Burnham, of Farmington, referred to Rev. Jonathan Cogswell, a tower of strength, who labored in Saco; to Dr. Payson, and to Rev. George Payson, a cousin of Dr. Payson, an eloquent and effective preacher and pastor, settled in Kennebunkport, to whom he and others were indebted as the instrument of leading them to Christ.*

Rev. Stephen Thurston, of Searsport, spoke of his being identified with the Conference during all its history, and of the incitives we have in the memories of the departed, to a like faithful fulfillment of the work assigned to us.

Rev. J. T. Hawes, of Litchfield, said his heart was full to overflowing of the memories of the past, and trusted that the recalling of these reminiscences would lead to greater love and devotion to our Master.

Dr. Chickering referred to his former connection with the Conference, and to the revivals of religion which so frequently followed them. He also spoke of his first coming to Portland, and to the happy remembrance of those days; also of his more recent labors in connection with the Congressional Temperance Association.

Dr. H. M. Storrs, of New York, said he could not leave this interesting session of Conference, without an expression of his thanks for the privilege he had enjoyed. He believed now what Father Adams told him, in Ohio, that if he would see a real Conference, he must come to Maine. He urged, that as we were so much blessed,—still greater faith, and courage, and zeal, must be exercised.

VOTE OF THANKS.

Rev. Javan K. Mason, of Thomaston, introduced with appropriate remarks, the following resolution; it was seconded by Rev. Henry S. Loring, of Phipsburg, and unanimously adopted, by a rising vote:

Whereas, the different railroad and steamboat corporations have very generously

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*We are informed, on the best authority, that the matter of a State Conference was forecast by Rev. Charles Freeman and Rev. George Payson, in the parlor of the latter, during his residence in Limerick, in 1822. This matter was much talked over by them before it was probably thought of by others. This statement is confirmed by the History of York Conference, just published, page 7, &c.

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facilitated our assembling on this semi-centennial occasion, by a reduction of their fares,—and

Whereas, the pastors, committees, and people of the Congregational Churches and societies of this city have most carefully and cordially received us, and provided for our improvement and comfort in their substantial and elegant houses of worship, and in their delightfully hospitable homes,—not omitting even our æsthetic wants any more than our physical and our higher spiritual;—therefore,

Resolved, That as the representatives of the Maine Congregational Churches, and as individual recipients of all this generous thought, fraternal fellowship, and Christian hospitality, we do now offer and record the acknowledgment of our sense of obligation, and the tender of heartiest thanks, coupled with the purpose that in going from these delightful scenes, we will vie with each other, and with those we leave, in the earnest Christian endeavor to make the future of our Congregational history still more worthy of the Master's smile.

Rev. E. Y. Hincks, of Portland, in response, said they were glad to receive their friends for the Master's sake, as kindred in Christ. He referred to the loss of those who have gone before, as examples to us; to the help we may have from our Lord, in a faithful discharge of duty; and to the rest that remaineth.

The closing words of the Moderator brought to view the congregations which in the past had been assembled to hear the messages of the ambassadors of Christ now departed, and to the need and blessedness of having Christ in our hearts; exalting him, our light and guide; and to making progress in the divine life, reaching out, as those who have gone reached out, until they attained the prize.

After uniting in singing the hymn of Christian fellowship:

"Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love"—

The Moderator declared the Conference adjourned, after benediction by Dr. Thurston.

E. F. DUREN,
Recording Secretary.

A full report of the meeting is given in the Christian Mirror of July 1, 8, and in subsequent numbers. Some of the documents read are published. Briefer reports are made in the Portland, Bangor, and Lewiston papers; also in the Congregationalist and Advance, July 6.

The singing was Congregational—except that on Wednesday even-

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ing, the choir of High street Church gave an opening piece, referred to on page 15.

Flowers were provided at each of the Churches, which were tastefully arranged by a committee of ladies, in an attractive manner. Cooling water was furnished in the vestibule, and every attention given to promote the comfort and convenience of the audience.

On Monday and Thursday evenings, a Prayer Meeting was held in State street chapel;—the former led by Rev. John J. Carruthers, of the Payson Memorial Church; the latter by Rev. Crosby H. Wheeler, of the Harpoot Mission, Turkey.

On Thursday, at 9.30 A. M., the third annual meeting of the Maine Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions, was held in the chapel of the Payson Memorial Church.

Mrs. William H. Fenn, *President*, read the Scriptures, and Mrs. Thompson, President of the Hartford Branch, led in prayer.

United in singing a Hymn.

Miss Sophia Spofford, of Rockland, Secretary, read her report; and Mrs. Woodbury S. Dana, of Portland, Treasurer, the report of the receipts for the year. Total, $3,064.21.

An essay was read by Mrs. D. B. Norton, Secretary of the Bureau of Exchange, Woman's Board, Boston; and remarks were made by Mrs. C. H. Wheeler, of the Harpoot Mission, Turkey. The greetings of the Philadelphia Woman's Board were given by Mrs. Ray Palmer, President; and of the Hartford Branch, by Mrs. Thompson, President.

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REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

This Fiftieth Anniversary of the Conference suggests a glance at the history of our churches. Twenty-nine of them, (according to the dates given in the Minutes of last year), are older than the Declaration of Independence. The oldest is the church in York, formed in 1672; the second, the church in Wells, formed 1701; the third, the church in South Berwick, in 1702; the fourth, that in Kittery, 1714; the fifth, Elliot, 1721; the sixth, Tremont, 1722; the seventh, Scarborough, 1728; the eighth, ninth, and tenth, Kennebunkport First, Yarmouth First, and Biddeford First, organized in 1730; the eleventh, York Second, 1732; the twelfth, Cape Elizabeth, 1734; the thirteenth, Windham, 1743; the fourteenth, Brunswick, 1747; the fifteenth, Gorham, 1750; the sixteenth, Harpswell, 1753; the seventeenth, Falmouth First, 1754; the eighteenth, Saco, 1762; the nineteenth, Buxton, 1763; the twentieth, twenty-first, twenty-second, twenty-third, and twenty-fourth, Lebanon, Woolwich, Phipsburg, New Gloucester, and Deering First, all dating from 1765; the twenty-fifth, Bluehill, 1772; the twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh, Deer Isle, and Wiscasset, 1773; the twenty-eighth, Fryeburg, 1775; while Durham, the twenty-ninth, was formed March 9, 1776.

Between the time of the Declaration of Independence, and the beginning of this century, thirty churches were formed; between that time and the organization of the Maine Missionary Society, some twenty-four more; so that of the churches now on our roll, eighty-four are older than that Society, while one hundred and fifty-eight are younger.

One hundred and twenty-five of our churches are older than this Conference, and one hundred and seventeen are younger.

A comparison of the condition and resources of our churches at different points in the half century, will show that there has been a real, though not always a rapid progress. In respect to the number and the strength of churches, to organization for christian work, and to christian benevolence, this growth can be readily traced. The congregations are more numerous, and on the whole, are larger; the houses of worship more comfortable and more comely; the Sabbath Schools fuller and more carefully taught than they used to be.

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We report this year two hundred and forty-two churches, with an aggregate membership of nineteen thousand seven hundred and ninety-two. The present number of members is larger than it was twenty-one years ago, by two thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, an increase of seventeen per cent.

The number added this year by profession of faith, is eight hundred and fifty-nine; by letter, two hundred and ninety-six—making eleven hundred and fifty-five in all.

The number removed by death is four hundred and six; by dismission, three hundred and forty-eight; and by discipline twelve—making the total of removals, seven hundred and sixty-seven.

There has been a net gain this year of three hundred and eighty-seven, which is about two per cent of the whole membership.

The number added by profession this year is about four and one-third per cent of the whole membership.

One hundred and seventy-six churches are reported as supplied with ministers. Of these, fifty-five have pastors, ninety-seven, acting pastors, and twenty-four are supplied by licentiates, or theological students. Sixty-six churches are reported as without ministers. A number of these might have been reported as supplied for the summer by students. Others are supplied more or less by ministers who are without pastoral charge. Some are in the transition between the dismission of an old pastor, and the call of a new one. So that only a small part of the number reported vacant are entirely destitute of preaching.

The number of ordained ministers reported in our Minutes is one hundred and seventy-nine. Fifty-five of these are pastors, eighty-four are acting-pastors, (including one Baptist, one Free Baptist, and one Methodist), and forty are without charge.

We report also nineteen licentiates, and ten students who are employed by the Maine Missionary Society.

The number of baptisms reported is, of adults, five hundred and seventy; of infants, one hundred and thirty-eight. If we subtract the number of adults baptized from the whole number added to the churches by profession, there remain two hundred and eighty-nine, who must have been baptized at an earlier time, the most of them in infancy. If we compare in like manner the number received by profession from year to year, with the number of adults baptized, it will

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appear that a large proportion of those who bear the seal of the covenant are brought into the churches.

Twenty thousand six hundred and three are connected with Sabbath Schools.

The amount of benevolent contributions reported, is $36,332. Of this sum $11,457, or about thirty-one and a half per cent, is for Foreign Missions; $9,782, or about twenty-seven per cent, is for Home Missions; $2,341, or six and a half per cent, is for the American Missionary Association; not quite two per cent, $457 is for the Congregational Union; $10,687 is for a variety of other objects; and the balance is not designated.

One hundred and eighty-five churches, with an aggregate membership of sixteen thousand five hundred, have responded to my request to report their average congregations. The numbers foot up twenty-three thousand one hundred and ninety-one. Fifty-seven churches which do not report this item, have an aggregate membership of three thousand two hundred and eighty-four, which is about one-fifth that of the churches reporting. Adding one-fifth of twenty-three thousand one hundred and ninety-one, we may get, approximately, the aggregate congregations of these churches, that is, four thousand six hundred and thirty-eight. Adding these sums, we have twenty-seven thousand eight hundred and twenty-nine. It would not be safe to assume that this is absolutely correct, and yet I am satisfied from careful examination, that it is sufficiently accurate for practical purposes. So that we have an average of not far from twenty-eight thousand attendants upon public worship. But the number who actually belong to our congregations, and regard themselves as under the care of the ministers of our churches, is about three times as large as the average attendance upon public worship. So that, counting persons of all ages, as the census does, counting also the sick and the infirm, those detained at home by family cares, and counting also those whose attendance is more or less irregular, it is fair to state the constituency of our churches and congregations at eighty-four thousand,—which is about one-eighth the population of the State.

The question, how many of the young are brought into our churches, is a vital one. Reports have come this year from one hundred and eighty-six churches, with a membership of fifteen thousand nine hun-

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dred and ninety-four, which show that one thousand four hundred and fifty of their members are below the age of twenty-five years. This is about nine per cent of their membership. This is a decided improvement on the reports of last year, which showed that only seven and one-fifth per cent were below the age of twenty-five. The revivals of this year have brought a large number of young people into the churches. And yet, when we call to mind the fact that we have more than twenty thousand in our Sabbath Schools; and the other fact that most of those who are brought to Christ, are converted before they reach the age of twenty-five; it seems but a meagre result of our christian work that only nine per cent of the members of our churches, about nineteen hundred in all, are below the age of twenty-five.

Two new churches have been formed this year; the Sixth Street Church, of Auburn, recognized by a Council, Sept. 16th, 1875, with twenty-two members; and the church in Abbott Village, organized Nov. 23, 1875, with twelve members. This church takes the place on our roll of that known as Abbott and Guilford. So that with two new churches we count but one more than last year.

We come now to a report from the fourteen Conferences of the State,

York Conference has gained one hundred and one members. Most of the churches report seasons of special religious interest, in connection with the work of the delegation from the Young Men's Christian Associations. The number of hopeful conversions reported is large; fifty or sixty in the two parishes in Wells; thirty-five in Limington; a still larger number in Limerick; twenty-six have been received to the South Church in Buxton; quite a number are expected to unite with each of the churches in Buxton Center, North Buxton, and Kennebunkport; there have been more than twenty hopeful conversions in Acton, and nine have already united with the church there; ten or twelve in Lyman seem to have begun the new life; some scores of persons in York have been hopefully converted, and in fact the whole county has been pervaded by a deep religious interest, for which we may well offer our thanks to the giver of grace and salvation.

Repairs have been made on the house of worship in Acton; repairs are making upon that in Kennebunkport, and the people in Limerick have purchased a new organ.

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The seventeen churches in UNION CONFERENCE have received thirty-nine by profession, and fifteen by letter, so that the additions exceed the removals by two.

There has been a net gain of one hundred and fifty-nine in CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE. Twenty-eight of the churches have received three hundred and ninety-four members, two hundred and seventy-seven of them by profession. This centennial year will long be remembered in some of these churches, as a year of the right hand of the Most High. Twenty-nine have been added to High Street Church in Auburn, and there has been a quiet religious interest through the year; the new Sixth Street Church has doubled its membership; a revival of great interest and power has blessed Cumberland, thirty-nine have been added to the church and more are to follow; Falmouth First, has received ten by profession, and Falmouth Second, four; and there was much religious interest in South Freeport, in connection with the Week of Prayer. At Gorham, a revival of great interest and power is now in progress, which has already changed entirely the religious aspect of the place. There is reason to believe that more than a hundred have begun the new life in that parish. "The labors of the Evangelist Whittier, seemed to be greatly blessed." Forty-four have been added to Pine Street Church, Lewiston, and there has been unusual religious interest through the year. Eleven were added to the church in New Gloucester in May, and there has been much special religious interest in that parish. The nine churches of the city of Portland have received one hundred and forty-one, ninety-eight by profession, and there has been a net gain in each of them, with the exception of Plymouth Church. High Street Church, and the Second Parish Church have been especially quickened. The churches at Cumberland Mills and at Saccarappa have both received very marked tokens of the divine favor, and large numbers in their congregations have turned to the Lord.

There has been special religious interest in Bowdoin College during the winter, and a few of the young men have begun a religious life. In addition to the ordinary prayer-meetings in College, the Faculty have for two years past sustained a religious meeting on Saturday evening. The subscription of a hundred thousand dollars has been completed, and the prospects of the College are now excellent.

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The fifteen churches of OXFORD CONFERENCE report a net gain of fourteen members. The Second church in Norway has renewed its strength; twenty-one have been added to its membership, a new house of worship has been erected, and the religious aspect of the community has greatly improved. A revival began in South Paris in the month of March. No outside help was sought. The different pastors of the village conducted the meetings themselves. The revival in the church was more marked than among the impenitent, yet seven have united with the church,—*all but one* baptized in infancy, and others are expected to come forward at the next communion.

The year has been one of unusual prosperity in FRANKLIN CONFERENCE, although the time has not yet come for gathering into the churches the fruits of the revivals. In Farmington, a series of union meetings was held, under the direction of the Lynn Praying Band, and the reporter states that the revival which followed has pervaded the town more extensively than any similar work for many years. There have been a few hopeful conversions at Farmington Falls, and the little church there is making efforts to secure regular preaching. The town of New Sharon was moved during the winter by the power of the Holy Spirit. The deputation from the Young Men's Christian Associations, and the Lynn Praying Band have each held a series of meetings there. A large number of young people have been awakened and brought to Christ, and others of all ages and classes. A Young Men's Christian Union of more than fifty members, and a Young Ladies' Christian Union of more than thirty members, have been formed. The church in Temple reports fifteen hopeful conversions. Weld reports a revival in connection with the labors of the deputation from the Young Men's Christian Associations. There have been several hopeful conversions in New Vineyard. The little church in Phillips has been without a minister, but reports a revival, and the church in Wilton, though left without a minister, maintains regular public worship.

LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOC CONFERENCE, with twenty-two churches, and an aggregate membership of two thousand and forty-one, reports the addition of fifty members, thirty-three of them by profession. The two churches in Boothbay have together received fifteen, and the First in

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Waldoboro, eight. There are nine churches in this Conference, including the two large ones in Bath, which have not received a single accession during the year. The contributions reported fell below those of last year by nine hundred and thirty-four dollars, but this is more than balanced by large sums given to educational institutions, and to the Old Ladies' Home.

Five of the fourteen churches in KENNEBEC CONFERENCE report seasons of special religious interest, which have led to the hopeful conversion of more than a hundred persons. The revival in Waterville began with the Week of Prayer. It was promoted by the labors of the Praying Band. Thirty-three have been added to the church, twenty-seven of them by profession, increasing the numerical strength of the church about one-third. The church in Litchfield has enjoyed very much of the divine favor since the Week of Prayer. The pastor writes, "Many were deeply impressed with a sense of their need of repentance and reformation. For two or three months meetings were held almost every evening. The meeting-house was usually well filled, and many were inquiring the way of salvation. Twelve have been added to the church by profession, and one by letter. Meetings are now held two or three evenings a week, and we hope to see further displays of the grace of God in the conversion of our children and friends." The pastor at Winslow writes, "We have had a very interesting work of grace during the winter and spring, and it is still in progress. Some thirty persons seem to have come to the service of Christ, twenty of whom are in the Sabbath School." There was a season of religious interest during the winter in Winthrop, in connection with a series of union meetings, and fifteen or twenty give credible evidence of conversion, six of whom have united with the church. This church raises money for its current expenses by the plan of weekly offerings. The church in Pittston, although without a pastor, enjoyed a season of refreshing during the winter, resulting in ten or twelve hopeful conversions, and a gain of about one-third in its membership. Twelve have been added to the church in Augusta, four of them by profession, and the benevolent offerings have been increased. There has been no special religious interest in Gardiner, but two have been added to the church, and seven or eight others are expected to come in this summer in the ordinary course of

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pastoral labor. Nine have been added to the church in Hallowell, and there was a season of special religious interest in Richmond, in connection with the meetings of the Reform Club. The church in Vassalborough has been regarded as on the point of extinction, and its house of worship has been occupied by another denomination for six years; but this year there has been a little revival of religious interest, one who had long been a wanderer has become an active christian. There is a prospect of a pleasant addition to the church, and an effort is in progress to secure a minister.

The twelve churches in SOMERSET CONFERENCE have added nineteen, and have lost twenty-six, a net loss of seven. Eleven of them have ministers, although three of these divide the services of a single minister. Eight report no additions. Five churches have been visited with seasons of refreshing, viz.: Athens, Madison, Mercer, Skowhegan, and St. Albans. In Skowhegan there has been an extensive revival, commencing early in the winter. The Temperance Reform prepared the way for it. In March, the Lynn Praying Band held a series of meetings, and after their departure the pastors continued them. Large numbers of people were awakened, christians were led to new consecration, and a stronger faith in the promises of God. The pastor writes thankfully of the rich refreshing, and states that in addition to fourteen reported this year, twenty have been added to the Congregational church since the first of May, and thirty-eight to churches of other denominations, and at least as many more are likely to come forward afterward; and he adds, "there has been a great revival in the church, which is the best of all, so that it can never be what it was previously. The results show (he goes on to say) that the pulpit and the Bible school laid the sure foundation for the work." A band of some forty young men has been formed for christian work in the town, and in other towns in the vicinity. In Norridgewock, also, there have been some hopeful conversions, and the Reform Club has been very useful in reclaiming young men from habits of intemperance. The Bingham people have repaired their church, and a vestry has been built at Skowhegan.

Seven of the ten churches in PISCATAQUIS CONFERENCE have received additions, and there is a net gain of forty. Nine are supplied

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with ministers. The new church in Abbott has been building a meeting-house, and is also in the midst of a revival of religion in which some thirty have been brought to Christ. "Among these are some of the most substantial citizens of the town. The whole community is changed in a wonderful manner. The little church is full of joy and courage." "There have been frequent conversions, especially of late," in Brownville, and fifteen have been added to that church. A very interesting revival has been in progress for a number of months in Foxcroft and Dover. The work began a few months after the new pastor commenced his ministry. In November the church observed a day of fasting and prayer. Soon after a few of the impenitent began to inquire the way of salvation. The preaching was at first addressed entirely to the church. Later the pastor set forth clearly before the unconverted the only way of salvation through Christ crucified, and their guilt in refusing the Saviour; and more recently, he has been teaching the converts that we are not saved *without* works, though not *by* our works. Some have had deep convictions of sin. Others have felt drawn to Christ by a sense of obligation to him. Some remarkable conversions have occurred. The age of the converts ranges from sixteen to more than fifty years. Four or five are heads of families. Nearly all have come out boldly for Christ. Eighteen have been added to the church on profession of faith, and others are propounded for admission, and the good work still goes on. The pastor has not called in help from abroad. The number of extra meetings has not been large. The Temperance Reform movement followed the religious revival. This congregation has completed a new chapel at a cost of $4,000.

In Garland there was a quickening of religious feeling in connection with the Week of Prayer, and there have been a few hopeful conversions. There has been more than usual religious interest in Greenville during the winter and spring, and some express a hope in Christ. In Monson the special religious interest dates from the Week of Prayer and quite a number are beginning a new life.

The sixteen churches of Penobscot Conference have added fifty-two by profession, and twenty-six by letter, and made a net gain of three. The religious interest pervading the State has reached the church in Dedham, and some twenty-five have entered, as we hope,

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upon the service of Christ. Nine have been added to the church. This church had been discouraged, but now sustains public worship on the Sabbath, and two prayer-meetings. The church in Hampden has become self sustaining. In Holden, there has been a season of special religious interest, and fifteen hopeful conversions are reported. A quiet work of grace is in progress in Kenduskeag. In East Orrington, the church has been greatly quickened, and encouraged to sustain public worship, conference meetings are held in different parts of the town, and a pastor has been installed. Sixteen have been added to the church by profession. Nine have been gathered into the church in Orono, all but two on profession of their faith.

The three churches in Bangor have received thirty-eight members, eighteen of them by profession, and have lost forty-one. The reporter states that there has been a deeper religious interest in the First Church than for some years past; the regular social meetings are well sustained, and meetings for prayer are held in private houses. Fifteen attendants of the *West Bangor Chapel* have been gathered into Hammond Street Church. The clerk of the church in Brewer, says that "the state of religion there is not encouraging," but others see a brighter side. A number of the smaller churches in this Conference are reported this year, as for a number of years past, as too weak to sustain public worship. Some of them are becoming weaker.

Some of the churches in AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE report an increase of religious interest. The clerk of the church at Houlton, writes: "during the Evangelistic labors of Rev. F. V. D. Garretson last fall, our church was greatly quickened, and several in our Sabbath-school were hopefully converted. We expect to receive them to the church this summer. The church is in a united, prayerful, working state, and we hope for God's blessing." The church at Sherman has been quickened, and a young people's meeting established. The three churches of Fort Fairfield, Caribou, and Presque Isle, in the Aroostook Valley, have received eight new members this year. Two of these churches have meeting-houses of their own, and the other a share in a union house. These churches, more than forty miles north from Houlton, separated by distance from the other churches of the State, occupying important points in that new country, so sure to become before many years the abode of

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a large population, ought to have a large place in the sympathies and the prayers of the Congregationalists of Maine.

The thirteen churches of HANCOCK CONFERENCE have added seventy-four this year, instead of fourteen as last year. The reporter states "that there has been a quickening of religious life in all the churches." The church at Deer Isle reports a revival of religion, in which, it is hoped, as many as seventy-five have become christians; thirty-seven of whom have already been added to the church. At Mt. Desert, there has been a revival, which has brought eighteen into the church. Four have been added to the church at Bluehill, and four to that at Castine. Six of the churches are without ministers, although all but one of them have been supplied a part of the time. There is a net gain of forty-seven members.

The churches of WALDO CONFERENCE bring up a cheerful report. Forty-nine have been added to their membership, and there has been a net gain of twenty. Nine of the twelve are supplied with ministers. There has been a season of special religious interest in Frankfort; many have been hopefully converted, and eleven have been added to the church. The church of Jackson and Brooks reports a revival, by which the Lord's people have been greatly strengthened, and as many as eighteen added to their number. Sandy Point reports special religious interest, and a number of conversions. The brethren of the First Church of Searsport have been especially active in sustaining district meetings. There was a season of revival in the Second Church in Searsport, with twelve or more hopeful conversions, and the work is still in progress. Winterport speaks of eight persons as propounded for admission to the church. The church in Belfast is in full sympathy with the remarkable Temperance Revival in the city; and that in Camden reports a number of conversions.

The eighteen churches of WASHINGTON CONFERENCE have received twenty-three by profession, and eight by letter. The removals exceed the additions by thirteen. The depression in business has lessened the contributions of the churches about $500. There has been special

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religious interest in Cooper; ten have been added to the church in Eastport; and nine to that at Machias.

With this Conference, I complete the circuit of the State.

1. To sum up the results: We have in this State a body of communicants, numbering about twenty thousand, divided into two hundred and forty-two churches, located in some two hundred of the towns and cities of this Commonwealth. The oldest of these churches has a history of two hundred and four years, the youngest, of eight months. About two-thirds of these churches maintain public worship regularly, the other third with less of regularity. The number who gather in all these congregations from Sabbath to Sabbath, is about twenty-eight thousand; and, counting all those who are connected directly with these congregations, we may claim, as our constituency, about one in eight of the people of this State. So that there is room to increase the number of members of our churches, at least, threefold, among the people who prefer our religious system and modes of worship. So unfounded is the impression which is sometimes entertained that in an old State like this there is no room for the growth of churches.

2. Most of our congregation sustain Sunday-schools through the year, and we find that these schools include more than twenty thousand persons. It is safe to estimate that three-quarters of this number are below the age of twenty-five. But of this body of fifteen thousand children and youth, not quite two thousand are members of our churches. This fact shows more directly, where the great field for christian work is to be found. It also suggests the importance of making our religious agencies more effective. It suggests, especially, the importance of strengthening the influence of the christian family. The Sabbath-school alone is not equal to the work which is put upon it.

3. How many of this number of thirteen thousand children and young people are children of christian parents, and how many of them were baptized in their infancy, we cannot tell. The number of infant baptisms reported within twenty years is not far from thirty-five hundred. It is a fact worthy of notice that within three years we have received to our churches seven hundred and twenty-five persons who had been baptized in their infancy, while during the same years we

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have baptized only four hundred and twenty-two children. This also goes to show that God is bringing into the churches a very large proportion of the children of the covenant.

4. With respect to the Benevolent Contributions reported, two facts deserve notice: First, the comparatively small percentage of contributions which goes to the treasury of our Maine Missionary Society. The average for three years past is only twenty-seven per cent. This is less than the sum paid to the American Board, and less than the imperative wants of our missionary churches require. *Why should it be so?* The other fact is that there is a decrease in the whole amount of contributions as compared with last year, of $2,200, and of $3,200 as compared with 1874.

5. Coming now to the religious condition of our parishes, we have this great fact, that more than fifty of our churches report that God has poured out his spirit upon them during this year. These revivals have been going forward in every section of the State—from York to Houlton, from Deer Isle to Dover and Abbott. They have come to large churches and to small ones; to the city and the country. The number of conversions is very large. The estimates which have been forwarded to me, are generally those of careful observers, made after the experience of months had moderated the extravagant hopes which are natural during the height of the religious interest. Yet the number reported hardly falls below fifteen hundred. So that our churches had hardly gathered one-half the fruits of the revival at the end of the Conference year. In some parishes not more than five or six have been the subjects of the work of grace; in a large number, from twenty to forty, or seventy-five, and in two instances more than a hundred seem to have been added unto the Lord. A number of these revivals began early in the year. A larger number followed the Week of Prayer, and some of the most precious of them all are in progress at this time.

The reports are not usually definite in their statement of the means employed to promote them. In a few instances they speak of the employment of an evangelist. In some other reports the agency of the Lynn Praying Band is recognized. In some churches, *toward the West and North*, the Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association of the State is spoken of as a means of awakening the interest of the peo-

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ple. In other instances the pastors have been able to help forward the work without any external aid. A marked instance of this is the young pastor of the church in Foxcroft and Dover. The reports indicate that in nearly every instance, the work had its beginning with the church and its minister, and that it has been carried forward chiefly by their united prayers and labors. Where external aid has been called in, it has been usually for a few days at most, to help forward a work already begun. The instances seem to have been very few in which any one has been called in to "get up a revival," as the phrase is.

As one result of the favor which God has shown us this year, I ask attention to the cheerful and expectant spirit which gives character to the reports. Three or four years ago, almost everybody connected with this conference seemed to be on the defensive. Our people looked back to the years when the candle of the Lord shone upon them, but did not look forward to the greater blessings which God has promised. Many seemed to be disheartened in view of the low state of religion, and to be turning nervously toward new means and methods, as though the old truths and the established means of grace were losing their power.

But that is not the spirit of the reports this year. They are full of hope and confidence. The pastors have taken pains to show the direct connection between the preaching of the great truths of our theological system and the revivals. They bear witness to the faithfulness of God to his promises, and to the efficiency of united prayer for the conversion of individuals. They show that God has blessed the labors of ministers and churches when they have thrown themselves entirely upon his word of promise.

And so the people of God no longer hang their harps upon the willows, but attune them to his praise, and, remembering what his hand hath wrought, they are looking for the more abundant spiritual gifts which his promises disclose, for the latter days.

To his name be glory, in the church, world without end. Amen.

E. H. BYINGTON, *Corresponding Secretary.*

BRUNSWICK, ME., June 26, 1876.

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STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES

For the Year ending May 7, 1876.

AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.				Church Memb., May 7, 1876.				Added during year.			Removed during year.			Baptisms		Sab. Sch.	Con gre.	Age.	Contributions.				
Place and Name.	Year Organized.	Name.	Pastor, Act. Past. Licent'e. Student.	Ordained.	Present Ministry Commenced.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismission.	Discipline.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Whole No., May, 1876.	Average Congre.	Church mem. below 25yrs.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Am. Miss. Asso'tn.	Other Objects.	Total.
Burlington	1827	Samuel W. Chapin	St.	....	1876, June 8	8	18	26	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	150	60	....	....	$71	....	....	$ 71
Caribou	1869	Ebenezer Bean	A. P.	1862	1876, Jan.	9	17	26	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*65	60	....	....	....	....	....	....
Carroll and Springfield	1846	George W. Osgood	St.	....	1876, June.	6	11	17	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	....	65	....	....	....	....	100	100
Fort Fairfield	1844	Ebenezer Bean	A. P.	1862	1876, Jan.	16	27	43	12	0	2	2	3	0	0	3	0	0	78	100	3	....	....	....	5	5
Hodgdon and Linneus	1845	Vacant	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Houlton	1833	Zenas Crowell	Lic.	....	1876, Mar.	3	19	22	7	4	2	6	2	1	0	3	2	0	100	100	3	....	....	....	....	11
Island Falls	1859	William A. Merrill	A. P.	1852	1876, Jan.	5	7	12	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	35	50	0	0	0	0	6	6
Lee	1833	Vacant	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Lincoln	1831	Vacant	....	....	....	4	22	26	11	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	120
Passadumkeag	1845	Vacant	....	....	....	2	5	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	....	....	0	12	0	0	12
Patten	1840	William A. Merrill	A. P.	1852	1876, Jan.	15	30	45	7	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	75	60	0	....	6	....	30	36
Presque Isle	1865	Vacant	....	....	....	7	14	21	1	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	3	0	30	75	5	....	....	....	3	3
Sherman, Washburn Memorial ch	1861	William A. Merrill	A. P.	1852	1876, Jan.	30	52	82	14	1	0	1	1	3	0	4	0	2	90	100	20	....	8	0	0	8
Thirteen.		2 A. P., 1 L., 2 St. 5 va.				105	222	327	60	8	7	15	10	5	0	15	5	2	648	610	31	0	$97	0	$144	$374

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CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.				Church Members May 7, 1876.				Added during year.			Removed during year by			Baptisms		Sab. Sch.	Congre.	Age.	Contributions.				
Place and Name.	Year Organized.	Name.	Pastor. Act. Pas. Licent'e. Student.	Ordained.	Present Ministry Commenced.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismission.	Discipline	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Whole No., May, 1876.	Average Congre.	Church mem. below 25 yrs.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Am. Miss. Asso'tn.	Other Objects.	Total.
Auburn, High Street	1826	Anson P. Tinker	P.	1873	1873, Oct. 16	123	232	355	90	23	6	29	5	16	0	21	19	1	275	450	.....	$ 632	$ 275	$ 0	$ 237	$ 1,144
Auburn, Sixth Street	1875	Lauriston Reynolds	A. P.	1875	1875, June 5	16	26	42	0	18	2	20	0	0	0	0	14	1	100	90	10	0	0	0	0	0
Auburn, West	1844	Joseph S. Cogswell	A. P.	1868	1875, Oct. 31	50	67	117	39	0	0	0	6	9	0	15	0	0	55	75	2	16	5	0	0	21
Baldwin	1821	Vacant				2	4	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	0	....	....	....	....	5
Brunswick	1747	Ezra H. Byington	P. E.	1859	1871, Jan. 17	61	191	252	70	3	3	6	3	9	0	12	3	0	250	400	28	325	282	27	76	710
Cape Elizabeth	1734	Edwin A. Harlow	P.	1863	1872, Nov. 21	9	31	40	6	2	4	6	4	1	0	5	2	1	100	200	1	0	14	0	0	14
" " Ligonia	1869	John P. Evans	P.	1868	1873, June 1	32	50	82	..	4	9	13	3	9	1	13	0	8	125	150	30	0	0	0	0	0
Cumberland	1793	Truman S. Perry	A. P.	1873	1874, July 26	46	97	143	21	33	6	39	5	2	0	7	25	3	150	175	30	68	37	20	0	125
Deering, (1st ch., West'k)	1765	Vacant				3	11	14	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deering, Cong. ch	1872	William A. Bosworth	P.	1871	1875, Nov. 10	17	38	55	10	2	12	14	0	1	0	1	0	0	120	150	2	50	50	....	50	150
Durham	1776	Richard C. Stanley	Lic.	....	1875,	10	21	31	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Falmouth, First	1754	John C. Adams	A. P.	1851	1859, Feb. 13	24	93	117	15	10	0	10	2	4	1	7	5	1	60	125	10	20	20	....	5	45
" Second	1830	William H. Haskell	A. P.	1863	1869, Jan. 1	26	70	96	31	3	1	4	2	1	1	4	3	0	60	100	.....	40	30	30	0	100
Freeport	1789	George Michael	A. P.	1874	1876, June.	26	86	112	..	3	2	5	3	0	0	3	3	0	70	....	.....	....	....	....	....	60
Freeport, South	1857	David L. Jones	Lic.	....	1876,	23	61	84	20	2	0	2	2	2	0	4	2	0	50	100	.....	89	155	0	51	295
Gorham	1750	Leonard Z. Ferris	P.	1865	1872, June 13	48	148	196	52	0	2	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	218	200	.....	339	283	226	282	1,130
Gray	1803	Herbert R. Howes	A. P.	1870	1876, May 1	22	53	75	8	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	80	100	4	8	49	0	0	57
Harpswell	1753	Elijah Kellogg	A. P.	1844		15	43	58	17	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	30	75	3	5	8	0	0	13
Lewiston, Pine Street	1854	George S. Dickerman	P.	1868	1874, Mar. 12	85	223	308	93	27	17	44	5	21	0	26	18	6	225	....	33	189	75	0	312	576
Mechanic Falls	1840	Frederick E. Emerick	A. P.	1875	1874, April 1	5	18	23	5	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	75	2	0	0	0	25	25
Minot Centre	1791	Vacant				41	72	113	42	0	1	1	2	2	0	4	0	0	40	75	19	50	42	29	0	121
Minot W. and Hebron	1802	Vacant				11	16	27	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Gloucester	1765	Jonathan G. Leavitt	P.	1870	1875, Dec. 6	74	108	182	40	11	6	17	0	3	0	3	8	1	100	150	12	110	0	0	33	143
North Yarmouth	1806	Ernest F. Borchers	A. P.	1869	1873, Dec. 10	36	42	78	13	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	80	100	3	27	85	0	28	140
Poland	1825	Vacant				1	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Portland, Second Parish	1787	John J. Carruthers, D.D.	P.	1819	1846, Aug. 9	87	291	378	29	25	11	36	6	11	0	17	14	9	260	225	.....	151	....	....	....	151
Portland, High Street	1831	William H. Fenn	P.	1859	1866, July 25	94	272	366	..	11	3	14	3	5	0	8	4	1	285	....	.....	450	600	100	1,440	2,590
Portland, Abyssinian, 4th Cong	1835	(J. B. White, Baptist.)	A. P.	....	1875, Feb.	6	16	22	3	4	2	6	1	0	0	1	0	2	5	13	0	0	0	0	0	0
Portland, Bethel	1840	Francis Southworth	P.	1857	1866, June 11	34	52	86	37	8	0	8	4	0	0	4	5	4	125	125	6	25	0	0	35	60
Portland, State Street	1852	Edward Y. Hincks	P.	1870	1870, Oct. 18	104	278	382	64	29	15	44	6	15	0	21	9	4	300	400	60	950	1,055	350	1,694	4,049
Portland, St. Lawrence Street	1858	Abiel H. Wright	P.	1866	1871, Apl. 19	73	120	193	..	11	4	15	2	3	0	5	5	0	225	300	20	145	58	0	42	245
Portland, West	1862	John F. Morgan	A. P.	1865	1874, Nov. 8	16	40	56	20	4	3	7	0	1	0	1	2	0	150	160	3	0	0	0	0	0
Portland, Plymouth	1869	Charles F. Dole	P.	1874	1874, Apl. 22	71	189	260	80	3	1	4	4	12	0	16	1	1	300	300	12	310	224	0	242	776
Portland, Williston	1873	Burke F. Leavitt	P.	1873	1873, May 7	21	45	66	0	3	4	7	2	1	0	3	0	7	175	100	15	28	41	10	66	145
Pownal	1811	Vacant				23	49	72	22	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	50	75	5	0	0	0	5	5
Scarborough	1728	Vacant				21	33	54	9	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	80	125	.....	249	25	310	0	584
Standish, Evangelical	1834	John P. Trowbridge	P.	1874	1874, Sep. 17	4	34	38	14	1	1	2	2	0	0	2	1	0	45	50	2	23	16	0	11	50
Westb'k 2d, Saccarappa	1832	Henry B. Mead	P.	1871	1875, Feb. 10	35	83	118	11	15	0	15	3	3	0	6	12	5	210	250	12	25	31	35	7	98
Westbrook, Warren ch	1869	Addison Blanchard	P.	1868	1872, Dec. 10	30	52	82	11	12	0	12	0	0	0	0	9	0	165	150	5	10	0	0	72	82
Windham	1743	Luther Wiswall	P.	1837	1853, Sep. 20	9	41	50	12	5	0	5	2	0	0	2	5	0	40	55	0	30	0	0	0	30
Yarmouth, First	1730	Joseph Torrey	P.	1860	1875, Mar. 3	38	117	155	21	3	2	5	4	3	0	7	2	2	145	300	4	162	150	31	55	398
Yarmouth, Central	1859	Richard W. Jenkins	A. P.	1874	1876, July.	15	39	54	10	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	60	75	2	85	91	0	24	200
Forty-two.		19 P., 14 A. P., 2 L., 7 va.				1487	3556	5043	935	277	117	394	90	142	3	235	170	57	4898	5523	345	$4,611	$3,701	$1,168	$4,792	$14,337

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CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.				Church Memb., May 7, 1876.				Added during year.			Removed during year.				Baptisms		Sab. Sch.	Congre.	Age.	Contributions.				
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Farmington, 1st Cong.	1814	Osgood W. Rogers	P.	1876	1876, Feb. 6	68	150	218	40	10	2	12	3	5	0	8	6	2	250	225	33	$ 202	$ 117	$ 26	$ 23	$ 368
Farmington Falls	1859	Vacant				4	12	16		2	2	4	0	1	0	1	2	0	*120	*80	0	0	0	0	0	0
Industry	1808	Henry Jones	Lic.		1876, June	20	24	44	12	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	*50	*75	2	0	0	0	0	0
New Sharon	1801	John W. H. Baker	A. P.	1865	1874, Dec. 1	42	73	115	18	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	1	0	100	125	7	0	20	0	0	20
New Vineyard	1828	Vacant																								
Phillips	1822	Vacant				10	13	23	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*50	*200	6	0	0	0	0	0
Strong	1810	J. Loring Pratt	A. P.	1867	1875, July 1	33	43	76	21	1	0	1	3	0	0	3	0	0	75	125	7	5	10	0	25	40
Temple	1805	George A. Gordon	St.		1876, June	17	38	55	14	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	65	75	10	8	22	0	0	30
Weld	1809	Henry B. Hart	A. P.	1869	1875, April.	21	29	50	10	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	50	100	0	2	29	0	2	33
Wilton	1819	Vacant				29	59	88	35	3	0	3	0	4	0	4	3	1	75	75	12	0	50	0	0	50
Ten.		1 P., 3 A. P., 1 L., 1 St., 4 vacant.				244	441	685	167	17	4	21	11	12	0	23	12	3	835	1080	77	$ 217	$ 248	$ 26	$ 50	$ 541

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Amherst and Aurora.	1830	Vacant				3	12	15	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	....	0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0
Bluehill	1772	Vacant				33	78	111	26	4	0	4	1	1	0	2	4	1	80	125	14	16	14	14	0	44
Brooksville, West	1826	Edward R. Osgood	A. P.	1871	1874, Jan. 26	42	58	100	25	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	75	100	..	....	....	....	....	34
Bucksport, Elm St.	1803	William Forsyth	P.	1870	1870, Sep. 15	26	91	117	23	2	0	2	3	0	0	3	1	0	125	200	15	90	170	0	840	1,100
Castine	1820	Alfred E. Ives	P.	1838	1855, June 20	16	77	93	10	4	0	4	0	2	0	2	2	0	126	150	9	270	175	62	77	584
Deer Isle, 1st	1778	Hiram Houston	A. P.	1850	1868, Apl. 5	56	140	196	14	37	2	39	1	2	1	4	18	0	150	175	13	0	29	0	0	29
Deer Isle, 2d	1858	Josiah T. Closson	A. P.	1872	1875, Nov. 13	13	27	40	12	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	2	0	60	50	1	0	20	0	0	20
Ellsworth	1812	Vacant				80	90	120	31	2	0	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	130	125	0	45	30	0	0	75
Isle au Haut, (Evang'l)	1857	Vacant				1	11	12	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	40	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orland	1850	Vacant				14	52	66	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*200	80	3	....	....	....	....	150
Sedgwick & Brooksville	1798	Edward R. Osgood	A. P.	1871	1875.	12	17	29	4	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	65	60	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sedgwick Village	1847	Vacant				7	8	15	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tremont & Mt. Desert	1722	Alexander R. Plumer	A. P.	1854	1871, Oct.	18	66	84	0	18	3	21	5	1	0	6	17	0	150	†200	8	25	5	0	0	30
Thirteen.		2 P., 4 A. P., 6 vacant.				271	727	998	167	69	5	74	14	12	1	27	45	2	1246	1305	63	$ 446	$ 443	$ 76	$ 917	$2,066

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Augusta	1794	James H. Ecob	P.	1872	1872, Oct. 2	79	223	302	56	4	8	12	7	5	0	12	4	0	295	362	22	$ 502	$ 400	$ 60	$ 710	$1,672
Benton	1858	Vacant				4	21	25	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	....	2	0	0	0	0	0
Clinton	1858	Charles D. Crane	A. P.	1874	1874, June11	2	5	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	75	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gardiner	1835	Austin L. Park	P.	1864	1864, Feb. 2	37	117	154	27	1	1	2	3	2	2	7	1	0	70	190	9	88	67	26	38	219
Hallowell	1790	Vacant				34	138	172	35	6	3	9	3	1	0	4	3	1	150	250	14	157	211	88	50	506
Litchfield	1811	Josiah T. Hawes	A. P.	1828	1867, July 1	25	40	65	21	12	1	13	1	1	0	2	8	1	70	95	9	0	0	36	....	36
Monmouth	1853	Vacant				14	33	47	16	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	50	70	8	0	23	0	0	23
Pittston	1812	(G. G. Winslow, M. E.)	A. P.	1860	1875, May.	9	24	33	5	9	3	12	2	0	0	2	6	0	....	70	3	7	0	0	0	7
Richmond	1827	William C. Curtis	A. P.	1863	1863, Apl. 19	9	33	42	4	2	1	3	1	0	0	1	2	0	85	87	0	35	55	0	67	157
Sidney	1829	Vacant				8	13	21	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Vassalboro	1818	Vacant				3	15	18	6	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	....	....
Waterville	1828	Charles D. Crane	A. P.	1874	1875, July 4	55	109	164	57	27	6	33	2	1	0	3	24	0	130	135	24	166	25	0	10	201
Winslow	1828	John Dinamore	A. P.	1852	1862, June10	18	66	84	22	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	104	90	4	50	41	12	30	133
Winthrop	1776	Warren F. Bickford	A. P.	1876	1876, June20	49	104	153	26	6	0	6	7	3	0	10	4	0	125	250	9	30	50	0	20	100
Fourteen.		2 P., 6 A. P., 5 vacant.				346	941	1287	296	67	23	90	30	16	2	48	52	2	1129	1674	104	$1,035	$ 872	$ 222	$ 925	$3,054

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Alna	1796	John Haskell	A. P.	1850	1872, May 26	12	33	45	14	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	....	50	....	$ 11	$ 14	$ 0	$ 0	$ 25
Bath, Winter St.	1796	John O. Fiske, D. D.	P.	1848	1848, Aug. 17	91	248	339	74	0	0	0	6	5	0	11	0	8	292	300	40	774	206	30	201	1,211
Bath, Central	1836	William Hart	P.	1861	1870, Nov. 2	43	124	167	40	0	0	0	3	2	0	5	0	0	125	....	....	130	225	0	145	500
Boothbay, First	1776	Ezra B. Pike	A. P.	1863	1874, June 1	10	30	40	0	5	0	5	2	0	0	2	8	1	60	118	2	71	11	0	5	87
Boothbay, Second	1848	Ezra B. Pike	A. P.	1863	1878, June 1	24	45	69	17	10	0	10	2	1	0	3	8	0	150	168	13	66	20	15	6	107
Bristol	1796	Lewis D. Evans	A. P.	1875	1875, May 1	20	36	56	2	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	1	1	....	150	....	....	....	....	....	11
Bremen	1823	Vacant				3	8	11	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Edgecomb	1788	Henry H. Hutchinson	A. P.	1869	1875, Nov. 14	18	50	68	20	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	80	....	....	....	....	....	11
Lisbon	1839	Vacant				0	11	11	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Newcastle, First	1796	John Haskell	A. P.	1850	1872, May 26	10	20	30	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	25	30	....	....	....	....	....	15
Newcastle, Second	1844	William F. Obear	P.	1868	1872, Oct. 16	54	122	176	28	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	125	150	15	15	75	0	22	112
Phipsburg	1765	Henry S. Loring	A. P.	1850	1874, Oct. 4	30	70	100	32	0	1	1	4	3	0	7	0	0	55	80	2	48	26	0	15	84
Rockland	1838	James E. Hall	A. P.	1867	1873, Feb. 1	14	113	127	10	3	7	10	1	3	0	4	3	0	84	....	3	164	56	....	26	246
Thomaston	1806	Javan K. Mason, D. D.	P.	1849	1864, Dec. 6	23	107	130	27	2	0	2	4	0	0	4	2	0	175	....	10	23	46	0	39	108
Topsham	1786	Nahum W. Grover	A. P.	1868	1875, Dec. 1	24	59	83	0	1	0	1	3	1	0	4	1	0	65	100	3	6	18	....	6	30
Union	1808	Flavius V. Norcross	P.	1860	1860, Oct. 31	23	63	86	19	2	0	2	4	0	0	4	1	2	152	125	7	12	46	3	....	61
Waldoboro, First	1807	Andrew J. McLeod	P.	1870	1872, Nov. 8	45	114	159	27	8	1	9	6	2	0	8	4	4	190	175	8	30	40	....	110	180
Waldoboro, Second	1856	Vacant				5	4	9	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Warren, Second	1828	Lewis Goodrich	P.	1850	1875, Nov. 8	41	106	149	30	1	3	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	140	100	17	0	28	....	....	28
Washington	1817	John J. Bulfinch	A. P.	1860	1876, June 11	4	13	17	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	0	....	85	0	15	31	....	....	46
Wiscasset	1778	George W. Christie	A. P.	1874	1876, June	16	69	85	20	0	2	2	2	1	0	3	0	1	50	125	3	....	....	....	....	....
Woolwich	1765	Henry O. Thayer	A. P.	1866	1867, Sep. 15	24	60	84	9	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	123	140	4	18	22	10	....	50
Twenty-two.		7 P., 10 A. P., 3 vacant.				534	1507	2041	365	33	17	50	49	18	1	68	25	28	1881	1971	127	$1,378	$ 964	$ 58	$ 575	$3,012

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Andover	1800	Samuel W. Pearson	A. P.	1870	1876, May 1	41	52	98	24	0	8	8	1	0	0	1	0	0	75	140	4	$ 12	$ 15	$ 0	$ 0	$ 27
Bethel, First	1799	Vacant				37	75	112	23	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	2	75	100	3	....	....	....	....	130
Bethel, Second	1849	David Garland	P.	1849	1849, Aug. 15	14	38	52	25	1	1	2	1	2	0	3	1	1	60	70	6	75	20	31	24	150
Dixfield	1806	Vacant				3	13	16	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gilead	1818	Henry Farrar	A. P.	1867	1872, July 14	5	15	20	8	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	40	50	4	0	7	0	0	7
Gorham, N. H.	1862	A. J. Benedict	A. P.	....	1876, June.	5	25	30	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	....	0	8	8	0	7	23
Norway, First	1804	Charles L. Mills	A. P.	1837	1875, June.	15	47	62	18	2	1	3	1	0	0	1	1	0	50	100	5	0	0	0	0	0
Norway, Second	1853	Charles L. Mills	A. P.	1837	1875, May 1	22	60	82	18	16	5	21	1	1	0	2	15	0	120	200	3	50	0	0	0	50
Oxford	1826	George A. Lockwood	A. P.	1870	1870, June 1	17	44	61	22	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	1	0	100	75	6	11	12	0	4	27
Rumford	1808	John Elliott	A. P.	1831	1854, Dec. 31	8	14	22	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	25	65	0	8	6	0	10	19
Shelburne, N. H.	1818	Vacant				....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
South Paris	1817	John B. Wheelwright	P.	1851	1867, Dec. 4	56	101	157	10	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	0	125	250	6	25	15	10	150	200
Sumner	1802	Vacant				20	33	53	11	1	0	1	3	0	0	3	1	0	45	50	3	23	29	0	6	58
Turner	1803	Uriah W. Small	A. P.	1859	1874, May 4	31	69	100	25	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	90	....	....	....	....	....	....	30
Upton	1861	Vacant				3	10	13	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*30	75	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fifteen.		2 P., 7 A. P., 5 vacant.				277	596	873	204	22	15	37	15	8	0	23	20	4	885	1175	40	$ 207	$ 112	$ 41	$ 201	$ 721

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Bangor, First Ch....	1811	William M. Barbour.	A. P.	1861	1875, April 1	59	156	215	43	0	6	6	8	7	0	15	0	0	200	....	.....	$ 63	$ 144	$ 70	$ 455	$ 732
		John S. Sewall.....	A. P.	1859	1875, Sept.																					
Bangor, Hammond St.	1833	Solomon P. Fay.....	P.	1849	1866, Nov. 8	105	235	340	55	17	7	24	5	6	0	11	11	6	250	350	60	350	320	100	1,040	1,810
Bangor, Central.....	1847	Geo. W. Field.....	P.	1853	1864, Mar. 29	87	165	252	48	1	7	8	5	10	0	15	0	0	350	....	8	330	577	103	204	1,214
Brewer, First.....	1800	Levi L. Paine.....	A. P.	1861	1874, Feb. 1	40	106	146	46	0	1	1	4	0	0	4	0	0	151	200	.....	84	49	30	5	168
Brewer Village.....	1842	Geo. Henry Johnson...	St.	....	1875, Oct.	15	43	58	12	0	3	3	2	1	0	3	0	0	120	75	0	15	0	0	10	25
Carmel.....	1853	Vacant.....	.....	....	.....	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dedham.....	1841	Frederic DeBos.....	A. P.	1875	1875, Oct. 1	19	33	52	18	9	0	9	0	0	0	0	6	1	75	75	8	0	18	0	5	23
Dixmont & Plymouth.	1861	Vacant.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hampden.....	1817	Jeremiah E. Pond.....	P.	1858	1873, June 10	26	75	101	34	1	0	1	3	1	0	4	1	2	125	150	16	141	67	0	50	258
Holden.....	1823	Geo. H. Wilson.....	Lic.	....	1875, June 1	30	53	83	32	0	0	0	3	2	0	5	0	1	100	80	4	6	0	0	25	31
Kenduskeag.....	1834	(J. J. Banks, Free Bap.)	A. P.	....	1876,	15	31	46	17	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	*75	100	3	0	24	0	0	24
Oldtown.....	1834	Vacant.....	.....	....	.....	11	43	54	24	1	0	1	1	4	0	5	1	0	40	60	.....	0	65	0	10	75
Orono.....	1826	Vacant.....	.....	....	.....	34	106	140	39	7	2	9	1	4	0	5	7	0	165	200	27	39	25	0	0	64
Orrington, East.....	1834	Jonathan Edwards.....	P.	1876	1875, July.	24	46	70	12	16	0	16	2	0	0	2	3	0	69	85	0	0	0	0	0	0
Upper Stillwater.....	1859	Vacant.....	.....	....	.....	8	14	17	5	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	50	100	0	0	0	0	0	0
Veazie.....	1838	Vacant.....	.....	....	.....	14	28	42	20	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	.....	....	1	0	0	0	0	0
Sixteen.		4 P., 5 A. P., 1 L., 1 St., 6 vacant.				482	1135	1617	406	52	26	78	40	35	0	75	26	18	1770	1481	127	$1,028	$1,289	$ 303	$1,804	$4,42

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Abbott Village	1875	Amos Redlon	A. P.	1842	1875, July.	5	10	15	1	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	86	100	1	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0
Atkinson	1842	Vacant																								
Blanchard	1833	Amos Redlon	A. P.	1842	1875, July.	22	28	50	19	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	48	50	7	0	17	5	26	48
Brownville	1819	Charles L. Nichols	P.	1861	1862, Feb. 20	54	100	154	15	14	1	15	1	0	1	2	9	2	80	150	18	19	20	62	16	117
Dexter	1834	Jehiel S. Richards, jr.	St.		1876, Jan. 1	11	34	45	14	4	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	75	3	0	0	0	0	0
Foxcroft and Dover	1822	Herbert A. Loring	P.	1875	1875, June 10	60	147	207	40	18	6	24	4	2	0	6	16	0	175	250	22	33	0	0	0	33
Garland	1810	Peter B. Thayer	P.	1848	1848, Dec. 21	34	56	90	15	1	0	1	4	0	1	5	1	0	80	100	2	0	50	0	25	75
Greenville	1869	Charles Davison	A. P.	1873	1873, Oct. 1	14	32	46	7	4	0	4	1	0	0	1	3	0	90	100	7	74	46	0	100	220
Monson	1821	Amory H. Tyler	A. P.	1854	1870, July 1	47	63	110	20	4	4	8	0	4	1	5	0	0	118	125	10	0	40	0	0	40
Sangerville	1828	Rufus W. Emerson	A. P.	1856	1871, May.	4	12	16	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Ten.		3 P., 4 A. P., 1 St., 1 va.				251	482	733	134	46	14	60	11	6	3	20	30	2	717	950	74	$ 126	$ 173	$ 67	$ 167	$ 533

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Anson	1840	H. Reynolds	Lic.			17	33	50	24	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	65	5	$ 0	$ 10	$ 0	$ 0	$ 10
Athens	1867	William S. Sewall	A. P.	1839	1871, Sep. 25	12	27	39	5	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	*100	200	3					19
Bingham	1805	E. B Chase	Lic.			28	40	68	20	1	0	1	3	4	0	7	1	0	50	75	5	28	50	0	0	78
Madison	1828	Thomas G. Mitchell	A. P.	1846	1851, Nov. 16	19	27	46	6	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	50							50
Madison, East	1858	R. Peacock	Lic.		1875, June 1	6	13	19	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	40	60	2	0	0	0	0	75
Mercer	1822	Vacant				8	12	20	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*40			0	0	0	0	0
New Portland, North	1869	H. Reynolds	Lic.		1875, June 1	4	9	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*75	100		0	32	0	0	32
Norridgewock	1797	Benjamin Tappan, D.D.	P.	1838	1858, Oct. 27	34	80	114	39	0	1	1	0	3	0	3	0	0	125	125	12	200	50	38	15	303
Skowhegan	1860	Webster Woodbury	A. P.	1868	1870, Apl. 1	47	109	156	34	11	3	14	4	1	0	5	8	0	200	175	22	60	40	30	15	145
Solon	1842	Ezra N. Smith	A. P.	1872	1872, June 12	8	12	20	3	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	80	0	10	12	0	5	27
Solon, South	1806	William S. Sewall	A. P.	1839		1	9	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0
St. Albans	1830	William S. Sewall	A. P.	1839	1854, June.	6	10	16	...	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	0	60	75	0	6	16	0	0	22
Twelve.		1 P., 4 A. P., 3 L., 1 va.				190	381	571	140	13	6	19	14	12	0	26	9	0	790	1005	49	$ 304	$ 210	$ 68	$ 35	$ 761

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Albany	1808	Vacant				14	33	47	2	3	0	3	1	1	0	2	3	0	80	80	5	$ 10	$ 25	$ 0	$ 0	$ 35
Bridgton	1784	Henry Carpenter	A. P.	1864	1876, Mar. 1	38	96	134	25	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	150	175	5	0	28	0	0	28
Bridgton, North	1832	Nehemiah Lincoln	P.	1872	1871, Oct.	13	39	52	9	0	1	1	1	3	1	5	0	0	78	80	7	10	21	5	8	44
Bridgton, South	1839	John W. Brownville	P.	1873	1873, Dec. 18	25	46	71	18	14	0	14	3	2	0	5	11	0	80	110	15	.....	.....	0	.....	70
Brownfield	1804	Ebenezer S. Jordan	A. P.	1857	1874, Mar.	16	26	42	8	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	70	110	5	18	24	0	.....	87
Casco	1864	Vacant																								
Denmark	1829	Vacant				9	33	42	18	1	0	1	3	0	0	3	1	0			11	0	0	0	0	60
Fryeburg	1775	Baman N. Stone	P.	1871	1874, June.	56	116	172	43	6	0	6	6	4	0	10	3	0	120	150	10	21	28	17	45	111
Harrison	1826	Nehemiah Lincoln	P.	1872	1871, Oct.	21	27	48	22	0	2	2	1	3	0	4	0	0	40	80	1	5	9	0	0	14
Hiram	1826	Albert Cole	A. P.	1847	1874, Oct.	2	14	16	1	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	58	75	1	12	8	0	0	20
Lovell	1798	Josiah P. Stinchfield	A. P.	....	1875, May 30	43	83	126	30	2	9	11	1	0	0	1	1	0	50	100	7	10	0	0	0	10
Naples	1858	Henry H. Osgood	A. P.	1875	1874, Nov. 29	4	18	22	6	6	1	7	1	0	1	2	6	0	60	80	3	7	12	0	20	39
Otisfield	1797	George H. Dunlap	St.	....	1876, June 11	27	40	67	9	2	0	2	2	1	0	3	1	0	60	125	6	20	0	3	0	23
Stowe and Chatham	1861	J. H. Leavitt	Lic.	....	1874, Apl. 1	15	26	41	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	42	45	0	0	0	5	7	12
Sweden	1817	Vacant				18	28	46	8	0	0	0	2	3	0	5	0	0	40	60	4	0	15	9	0	24
Waterford	1793	John A. Douglass	P.	1821	1821, Nov. 7	33	60	93	30	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	70	80	1	152	0	27	0	179
		Andrew J. Smith	P.	1866	1873, Sep. 11																					
Waterford, North	1866	Edmund C. Shurburne	Lic.	....	1875, June 4	21	48	69	16	3	1	4	2	4	0	6	2	0	40	50	5	8	5	0	0	13
Seventeen.		5 P., 5 A. P., 2 L., 1 St.,	4 va.			355	733	1088	240	39	15	54	27	28	2	52	29	2	1034	1400	86	$ 268	$ 175	$ 66	$ 80	$ 719

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Belfast, First	1796	John A. Ross	P.	1854	1873, Sep. 14	25	77	102	21	3	0	3	2	1	0	3	0	0	75	200	4	$ 192	$ 130	$ 12	$ 104	$ 438
Belfast, North	1846	John A. Ross	A. P.	1854	1876, May.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	0
Camden, Elm Street	1805	Wellington R. Cross	P. E.	1865	1876, June.	34	88	122	30	8	0	8	1	2	0	3	5	0	150	200	5	....	....	....	....	160
Frankfort	1851	Vacant	....	....	....	3	19	22	0	11	1	12	3	0	0	3	8	0	80	80	3	0	8	0	0	8
Freedom	1858	Vacant	....	....	....	11	27	38	8	2	2	4	1	0	0	1	2	0	....	....	6	0	0	0	0	8
Jackson and Brooks	1812	Albert N. Jones	P.	1873	1872, Feb. 8	17	50	67	11	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	75	100	8	7	15	0	0	22
Rockport	1854	Thomas M. Davies	A. P.	1869	1875, Nov. 28	15	36	51	9	2	1	3	2	1	0	3	0	0	45	75	6	0	30	0	34	64
Sandy Point	1839	Benjamin B. Merrill	Lic.	....	1874, April.	30	46	76	35	6	0	6	1	1	0	2	3	0	75	125	10	22	14	0	0	36
Searsport, First	1815	Jonathan E. Adams	P.	1858	1866, May 16	53	124	177	....	3	1	4	5	3	0	8	2	2	150	220	12	35	195	0	351	631
Searsport, Second	1855	Benjamin B. Merrill	Lic.	....	1874, Dec.	6	32	38	12	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	3	..	30	80	6	23	....	....	....	23
Unity	1804	Vacant	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Winterport	1820	Gustavus W. Jones	P.	1869	1875, Nov. 9	5	25	30	4	1	3	4	3	2	0	5	0	1	52	100	1	0	10	0	0	10
Twelve.		4 P., 2 A. P., 1 L., 3 va.				199	524	723	180	41	8	49	19	10	0	29	28	5	732	1180	61	$ 329	$ 402	$ 12	$ 489	$1,400

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Calais	1825	Charles G. McCully	A. P.	1860	1876, Feb. 20	37	101	138	55	0	1	1	1	5	0	6	0	1	150	200		$ 131	$ 89	$ 0		$ 220
Cherryfield	1833	Vacant				3	8	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				100	30			130
Cooper	1826	Vacant				2	9	11	4	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	35	50	0			0		0
Dennysville	1805	Charles Whittier	P.	1860	1860, Nov. 12	43	66	109	22	2	0	2	4	1	0	5	1	1	160	120	5	54		40	50	144
Eastport	1819	Vacant				16	71	87	24	7	3	10	2	2	0	4	3	0	50		0	5	20	5	10	40
Machias	1782	Stephen L. Bowler	A. P.	1858	1874, Dec. 1	52	162	214	43	6	3	9	6	3	0	9	5	1	446	200	10	34	154	8	51	247
Machias, East	1826	George W. Kelley	A. P.	1872	1873, Aug. 17	32	87	119	31	5	1	6	6	1	0	7	5	0	150		5	90	45	20		155
Machiasport	1831	Vacant				18	25	43	7	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	2	0	45		2					48
Marshfield	1871	H. A. Freeman	St.		1876, June 11	16	33	49	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	60	60	7					0
Northfield	1836	William Denley	St.		1876, June.	8	14	22	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	60	80		0	30	0	0	30
Pembroke	1835	Vacant																								
Perry	1822	Vacant				14	36	50	14	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	70							
Princeton	1858	Vacant				21	26	47	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	90							
Robbinston	1811	Joseph L. Walker	St.		1876, June.	25	60	85	20	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	50	100	5	22	26			48
Milltown, N. B.	1846	John J. Blair	A. P.	1874	1874, July 19	29	91	120	19	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	221	150	4	213	25			238
Topsfield	1861	Vacant				10	20	30	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	70	100	3					8
Whiting	1883	Vacant				6	22	28	5	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	75	90	1	10	0	0	0	10
Whitneyville	1836	H. A. Freeman	St.		1876, June 11	22	32	54	11	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	101		2					32
Eighteen.		1 P., 4 A. P., 3 St., 9 vs.				354	863	1217	285	28	8	31	29	15	0	44	17	3	1833	1150	44	$ 659	$ 419	$ 73	$ 111	$1,350

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YORK CONFERENCE.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.				Church Memb., May 7, 1876.				Added during year.			Removed during year.				Baptisms.		Sab. Sch.	Congre.	Age.	Contributions.				
Place and Name.	Year Organized.	Name.	Pastor. Act. Pas. Licent'e. Student.	Ordained.	Present Ministry Commenced.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismission.	Discipline.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Whole No., May, 1876.	Average Congre.	Church mem. below 25 yrs.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Am. Miss. Asso'tn.	Other Objects.	Total.
Acton	1781	William S. Thompson	A. P.	1860	1869, Jan. 1	20	39	59	13	9	1	10	2	2	0	4	7	0	74	80	9	$ 4	$ 31	$ 0	$ 69	$ 104
Alfred	1791	Benjamin P. Snow	A. P.	1870	1875, Aug. 1	21	52	73	24	0	0	0	4	2	0	6	0	0	79	100	0	35	0	10	40	85
Biddeford, First	1730	Vacant				16	38	54	9	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	0	0	0	0					25
Biddeford, Second	1805	Vacant				84	233	317	43	6	2	8	4	6	0	10	2	3	300	300	46	100	127	0	90	317
Biddeford, Pavilion	1857	John R. Chalmers	A. P.	1874	1875, Sep. 26	50	158	208	45	9	7	16	1	5	0	6	4	2	142	175	37	168	6	0	19	188
Buxton, South	1763	Joseph Kyte	A. P.	1862	1875, May 1	36	84	120	20	26	2	28	2	3	0	5	22	0	60	150	21					20
Buxton Centre, North	1763	Joseph Kyte	A. P.	1862	1875, May. 1	13	31	44	13	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	44	40	0	0	0	0	0	7
Cornish	1840	Albert Cole	A. P.	1847	1858, July 4	20	40	60	16	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	60							52
Elliot	1721	Vacant				20	30	50	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0								5
Kennebunk, Union	1828	Walter E. Darling	P.	1862	1866, Mar. 20	21	66	87	0	13	1	14	4	0	0	4	10			70						360
Kennebunkport, First	1730	Charles H. Gates	A. P.	1851	1874, Feb. 1	23	49	72	9	3	0	3	3	1	0	4	2	0	60	125	12	10	11	0	0	21
Kennebunkport, So	1838	Charles H. Gates	A. P.	1851	1874, Feb. 1	15	47	62	9	6	1	7	1	1	0	2	4	0	75	120	5	15	0	0	10	25
Kittery, First	1714	Vacant				13	40	53	12	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	70	100	12	10	25	0	0	35
Lebanon	1765	Charles N. Sinnett	P.	1875	1874, June.	18	33	51	0	1	2	3	1	0	0	1	0	1	2	40			18	27	0	19	64
Limerick	1795	Jotham Sewall	Lic.		1874, Dec. 9	29	57	86	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	80	0	28	15	8	6	52
Limington	1789	Reuben D. Osgood	P.	1871	1875, Nov. 16	34	75	109	23	2	4	6	2	0	0	2	0	0	110	115	11	31	39	0	7	77
Lyman	1801	Vacant				31	55	86	24	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	80	100	4					30
Newfield, West	1801	George S. Kemp	A. P.	1856	1864, June 26	17	36	53	14	3	0	3	3	1	0	4	3	0	50	80	6	0	28	35	0	58
Parsonsfield	1795	Vacant				2	4	6	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Saco, First	1762	George P. Blanchard	A. P.	1860	1874, June 1	55	155	210	45	6	5	11	2	1	0	3	4	1	120	250		29	108	16	67	220
Sanford	1786	Thomas N. Lord	A. P.	1837	1875, Oct. 7	15	27	42	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	85	0	0	23	0	0	23
Sanford, South	1786	George S. Osborn	A. P.	1836	1874, May 1	7	23	30	5	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	50	0	0	5	0	0	5
Shapleigh	1821	Vacant				2	4	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Berwick	1702	George Lewis	P.	1865	1874, Jan. 15	20	96	116	25	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	2	125	200	0	225	100	0	325	650
Wells, First	1701	Woodbury S. Kimball	A. P.	1867	1875, Nov. 1	45	89	134	30	17	2	19	1	1	0	2	12	0	125	150	20	73	101	30	75	279
Wells, Second	1831	Benjamin Southworth	A. P.	1858	1870, Oct. 1	47	79	126	8	32	4	36	2	1	0	3	26	0	115	120	21	41	0	45	35	121
York, First	1672	David B. Sewall	A. P.	1842	1873.	20	81	101	21	12	0	12	2	0	0	2	9	0	106		13	57	22	17	78	174
York, Second	1782	Joseph Freeman	A. P.	1844	1869, Aug. 1	12	33	45	12	5	0	5	4	1	0	5	1	0	50	67	5	15	14	0	14	43
Twenty-eight.		4 P., 14 A. P., 1 L., 7 va.				706	1754	2460	472	152	31	183	47	35	0	82	107	10	2005	2557	222	$ 849	$ 677	$ 161	$ 854	$3,040

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SUMMARY.

CONFERENCES.		MINISTERS.						CHURCHES.					Church Members, May 7, 1876.				Added during year.			Removed during year.			Baptisms.		Sab. Sch.	Congre.	Age.	Contributions.				
	Organized.	Pastors.	Acting Pastors.	Without Charge.	Total of Ministers.	Licentiates.	Students.	Churches with Pastors.	Churches with Act. Pastors.	Churches with Lic. & Studts.	Vacant Churches.	Whole No. of Churches.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismission.	Discipline.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Whole No., May, 1876.	Average Congre.	Church mem. below 25 yrs.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Am. Miss. Ass'tn.	Other Objects.	Total.
Aroostook	1846	0	2	1	3	1	2	0	5	3	5	13	105	222	327	60	8	7	15	10	5	0	15	5	2	648	610	31	$ 0	$ 97	$ 0	$ 144	$ 374
Cumberland	1822	19	14	12	45	4	0	19	14	2	7	42	1487	3556	5043	935	277	117	394	90	142	3	235	170	57	4898	5523	345	4,611	3,701	1,168	4,792	14,337
Franklin	1839	1	3	5	9	1	1	1	3	2	4	10	244	441	685	167	17	4	21	11	12	0	23	12	3	835	1080	77	217	248	26	50	541
Hancock	1825	2	4	2	8	0	0	2	5	0	6	13	271	727	998	167	69	5	74	14	12	1	27	45	2	1246	1305	63	446	443	76	917	2,066
Kennebec	1823	2	6	4	12	0	0	2	7	0	5	14	346	941	1287	296	67	23	90	30	16	2	48	52	2	1129	1674	104	1,035	872	222	925	3,054
Lincoln & Sagadahoc	1825	7	10	2	19	0	0	7	12	0	3	22	534	1507	2041	365	33	17	50	49	18	1	68	25	28	1881	1971	127	1,378	964	58	575	3,012
Oxford	1824	2	7	2	11	0	0	2	8	0	5	15	277	596	873	204	22	15	37	15	8	0	23	20	4	885	1175	40	207	112	41	201	721
Penobscot	1825	4	5	6	15	7	1	4	4	2	6	16	482	1135	1617	406	52	26	78	40	35	0	75	26	18	1770	1481	127	1,028	1,289	303	1,804	4,424
Piscataquis	1842	3	4	1	8	0	1	3	5	1	1	10	251	482	733	134	46	14	60	11	6	3	20	30	2	717	950	74	126	173	67	167	533
Somerset	1823	1	4	1	6	2	1	1	6	4	1	12	190	381	571	140	13	6	19	14	12	0	26	9	0	790	1005	49	304	210	68	35	761
Union	1836	5	5	0	10	2	1	5	5	3	4	17	355	733	1088	240	39	15	54	27	23	2	52	29	2	1034	1400	86	268	175	66	80	719
Waldo	1848	4	2	3	9	1	0	4	3	2	3	12	199	524	723	130	41	8	49	19	10	0	29	23	5	732	1180	61	329	402	12	489	1,400
Washington	1829	1	4	0	5	0	3	1	4	4	9	18	354	863	1217	285	23	8	31	29	15	0	44	17	3	1833	1150	44	659	419	73	111	1,350
York	1822	4	13	1	18	1	0	4	16	1	7	28	706	1754	2460	472	152	31	183	47	35	0	82	107	10	2005	2557	222	849	677	161	854	3,040
		55	83	40	178	19	10	55	97	24	66	242	5801	13862	19663	4007	859	296	1155	406	349	12	767	570	138	20403	23061	1450	$11,457	$9,782	$2,341	$11,144	$36,332
Add for Churches not reported													44	85	129	21										200							
													5845	13947	19792	4028										20603							

CHURCHES.—**Two new ones organized, and one dropped. Total, two hundred** and forty-one in 1875, two hundred and forty-two in 1876.

MEMBERS.—Gain, three hundred and eighty-eight, according to figures of 1876, but total only three hundred and thirteen larger than 1875. Discrepancy, seventy-five between the years.

MINISTERS.—One hundred and seventy-five ordained Congregational ministers, of whom forty are without charge; leaving one hundred and thirty-five in active service. These have served one hundred and forty-nine churches, leaving ninety-three churches; of which three have been supplied by ministers of other denominations, twenty-four by Licentiates and Students, and sixty-six **are vacant.**

PASTORS.—Fifty-five churches have **pastors, and fifty-five ministers are** pastors. One church (Waterford,) has **two pastors, and one pastor (N. Lincoln,)** has two churches.

ACTING PASTORS.—**Ninety-four churches have acting pastors; besides three whose ministers are from other denominations. One church (Bangor, 1st,) has two acting pastors; one (Belfast, North,) has as its minister the pastor of another church; two ministers, (William S. Sewall, and William A. Merrill,)** serve each three churches; ten ministers, (Messrs. Bean, Cole, Crane, Gates, Kyte, John Haskell, E. R. Osgood, Pike, Mills, and Redlon,) have served each two churches; and sixty-six serve each one church.

CONTRIBUTIONS.—Foreign Missions, $11,457; Home Missions, $9,782; American Missionary Association, $2,341; Congregational Union, $457; other objects, $10,687; not designated, $1,608; total, $36,332.

AVERAGE CONGREGATIONS.—One hundred and eighty-five churches, with an aggregate membership of sixteen thousand five hundred, report their average congregations, which amount altogether to twenty-three thousand and sixty-one.

AGE OF CHURCH MEMBERS.—One hundred and eighty-six churches, with a membership of fifteen thousand nine hundred and ninety-four, report fourteen **hundred** and fifty members below the age of twenty-five years, about nine **per cent.**

The statistics are brought down to May 7th. The statement of ministers in active service has been brought down, as far as practicable, three months later.

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MINISTERS WITHOUT PASTORAL CHARGE.

Jacob Abbott	Farmington	Ordained	1834
*Jacob J. Abbott	Yarmouth	"	1845
*Thomas Adams	Winslow	"	1818
Silas Baker	Standish	"	1832
Thomas E. Brastow	Rockland	"	1865
Jonas Burnham	Farmington	"	1858
Almon W. Burr	Hallowell	"	1875
Ephraim C. Cummings	Portland	"	1858
David Q. Cushman	Bath	"	1838
*Edward F. Cutter	Belfast	"	1833
John D. Emerson	Biddeford	"	1858
F. V. D. Garretson	Bangor	"	1871
Samuel L. Gould	Bethel	"	1839
Henry F. Harding	Hallowell	"	1855
George W. Hathaway	Skowhegan	"	1833
Henry M. Hutchinson	Knightville	"	1869
Horatio Illsley	South Freeport	"	1837
Elbridge Knight	Fort Fairfield	"	1843
Amasa Loring	Foxcroft	"	1842
George N. Marden	Bangor	"	1862
Levi G. Marsh	Bangor	"	1855
*Prof. Alpheus S. Packard	Brunswick	"	1850
James M. Palmer	Portland	"	1854
Wooster Parker	Belfast	"	1832
John Parsons	Kennebunk	"	1857
*Prof. Enoch Pond	Bangor	"	1815
Daniel F. Potter	Brunswick	"	1852
Henry Richardson	Gilead	"	1831
Prof. Jotham B. Sewall	Brunswick	"	1855
Alfred L. Skinner	Bucksport	"	1854
Henry G. Storer	Oak Hill	"	1850
Frederic E. Sturgess	Gardiner	"	1868
*Prof. Daniel Smith Talcott	Bangor	"	1836
*Sewall Tenney	Ellsworth	"	1831
James B. Thornton	Scarboro	"	1851
*Stephen Thurston	Searsport	"	1826
Arthur H. Tebbetts	Bluehill	"	1874
Stephen Titcomb	Farmington	"	1855
*Israel P. Warren	Lewiston	"	
*William Warren	Gorham	"	1840

LICENTIATES NOT IN CHARGE OF CHURCHES.

Prof. Henry L. Chapman	Brunswick.
James H. Crosby	Bangor.
Charles E. Fitz	Bangor.
John Hemenway	Brighton.
George H. Johnson	Bangor.
Prof. Thomas H. Rich	Lewiston.

The above lists are not probably complete, as the returns of ministers without charge are very incomplete. The rule to insert only the names of those who are members of Associations, will shorten the list next year.

Those marked by a star are known elsewhere as Doctors of Divinity, but not in these Minutes.

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AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE.

Annual meeting, second Saturday and Sunday in June.—Organized in Houlton, January 22, 1846.—Semi-annual meeting, third Saturday and Sunday in September.

Rev. Marcus R. Keep, ordained Jan. 4, 1847, Fort Kent, Portage Lake, Oxbow, Moro, and Hersey. Rev. Andrew Wiren (Lutheran), New Sweden, Ordained April 17, 1870.

WITHOUT CHARGE.—Rev. Elbridge Knight, Fort Fairfield, Ordained Sept. 13, 1843.

LICENTIATES.—*Burlington*—Samuel W. Chapin; *Fort Fairfield*—S. R. Bonnell; *Houlton*—Zenas Crowell; *Kingman*—A. J. McGown; *Lee*—George W. Osgood; *Medway*—D. L. Jones, R. Wickett, J. W. Wilson; *Passadumkeag and Olamon*—D. L. Jones.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING at Sherman Mills, Oct. 9 and 10, 1875. Rev. James H. Crosby, *Scribe*. The church in Sherman, Island Falls, and Patten, were represented. and the acting pastor at Lincoln was present. The other churches were not represented. This may be in part accounted for by the condition of the roads after the preceding heavy rains. This is a more important consideration in this Conference, than in some others; as the churches constitute several groups, separated by long distances, and by roads, some of which are never very good.

The subjects discussed were in substance: (1.) The relation of missionary churches to missionary work; outside themselves should they do anything for it? Reply in the affirmative. (2.) Personal responsibility of each and every Christian for the support of gospel ordinances, and the prosecution of Christian work.

Saturday evening, a sermon was preached by the Scribe, on Psalm 105: 14, "Seek the Lord and his strength,—seek his face evermore." Sabbath A. M., sermon by Rev. F. V. D. Garretson, Matt. 22: 42, "What think ye of Christ." P. M., Rev. S. Thurston, Jude 3, "Contend for the faith once delivered to the saints." The ordinance of the Lord's Supper administered by Revs. Thurston and Garretson.

Prayer-meetings opened each session, until the last afternoon. A praise meeting was held on the evening of the second day. The resources of the church in Sherman, in the matter of singing are unusually full, which adds much to the interest of every meeting. The singing is Congregational, from "Songs of the Sanctuary."

The attendance at the meetings was quite good. They were interesting to those present, and we may hope not without profit.

The THIRTIETH ANNUAL MEETING was held with the church in Fort Fairfield, June 17, 18, 1876. Washington Long, of Fort Fairfield, *Moderator*; Mrs. A. C. Paul, *Scribe*. Opening sermon by Rev. Ebenezer Bean, of Fort Fairfield, Exodus 33: 18, 19; and on Saturday evening, and Sabbath A. M., 1 Peter 2: 9, and 1 Timo. 2: 8. Sabbath evening, Rev. J. S. Aldendice, late from Leeds and Liverpool. Topics discussed: 1. Why do not the unconverted believe and obey the gospel. 2. Why are not the truths of the Bible more effective in the hearts and lives of professed Christians. 3. What are the obstacles to the Christian life peculiar to the farmer, to the merchant. 4. How shall the piety and talent of the women of the church be put to their best account. 5. Revivals of religion. 6. Our Sunday Schools; their defects, and how to remedy them.

The ordinance of the Lord's Supper was administered by Revs. E. Bean and J. S. Aldendice.

Burlington.—The Benevolent Society is organized for the purpose of raising funds toward rebuilding a meeting-house, burned two years since. Rev. J. E. M. Wright, acting-pastor 1852–6, accepts a call to Needham, Mass., July, 1875. *Fort Fairfield*.—Rev. John Dinsmore, of Winslow, supplied in October, 1875. Rev. Ebenezer Bean accepted a call to this place, January, 1876. A Woman's Missionary Society, organized January, 1876. The church was organized in 1844, at a lumbermen's camp in the woods. Rev. Stacey Fowler, pastor in Millbury, Mass., is a son of Deacon E. S. Fowler, one of the original members. Hiram Stevens and Mrs. E. Rollins, are two of the original members now residing in Fort Fairfield. *Houlton*.—Rev. F. V. D.

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Garretson, of Bangor, supplied, October, 1875. Rev. Zenas Crowell supplied from April, 1876. *Lee.*—Rev. F. V. D. Garretson supplied, April, 1876, with good results. *Lincoln.*—Rev. JAMES H. CROSBY closed his labors, March, 1876. *Presque Isle.*—Rev. John Dinsmore supplied, October, 1875. Rev. EBENEZER BEAN preached in February, and a desire was expressed to retain his services a portion of the year. Woman's Missionary Board organized, January, 1876. *Sherman Mills.*—The resignation of Rev. THOMAS E. BRASTOW as pastor, was reluctantly accepted, June, 1876. A call has been extended to Rev. WILLIAM A. MERRILL, as his successor, who has been with them since January, 1876.

Revs. William T. Savage, then pastor at Houlton, J. G. Merrill, Missionary at Salmon Brook, and in Northern Aroostook, and Joshua Eaton, Missionary at Patten, Lincoln, and Southern Aroostook, formed the Aroostook Conference, in Houlton, January 22, 1846.

Rev. Stephen Thurston, Secretary Maine Missionary Society, visited this County, in Sept., 1875. He preached in Presque Isle, Fort Fairfield, and at other places.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Burlington, Theodore Taylor; Caribou, John Henry; Carroll and Springfield, Dea. Hiram Stevens, Carroll; Fort Fairfield, Dea. Hiram Stevens; Hodgdon and Linneus, ; Houlton, Mrs. Geo. B. Page, A. C.; Island Falls, Albion Merriman; Lee, Seth H. Riggs; Lincoln, T. Fuller; Passadumkeag, E. G. Haynes; Patten, Dr. Luther Rogers; Presque Isle, C. F. A. Johnson; Sherman, P. M. Caldwell.

Mrs. A. C. Paul, of Fort Fairfield, *Scribe;* Rev. W. A. Merrill, of Sherman Mills, *Treasurer;* Dr. Luther Rogers, of Patten, *Reporter.*

Next meeting in Houlton.

CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE.

Annual meeting, Tuesday before second Wednesday in June.—Organized in Gorham, Dec. 24, 1822.—Semi-annual meeting, Tuesday before 2d Wednesday in Jan'y.

MINISTERS WITHOUT PASTORAL CHARGE, AND DATE OF ORDINATION.—Revs. Alpheus S. Packard, May 16, 1850; Jotham B. Sewall, Feb. 28, 1855—Professors in Bowdoin College, Brunswick;—Silas Baker, Standish, March 7, 1832; Ephraim C. Cummings, Portland, March 17, 1858; Henry H. Hutchinson, Knightville, Aug. 31, 1869; James M. Palmer, Portland, May 22, 1854; Henry G. Storer, Oak Hill, March 30, 1850; James B. Thornton, Scarboro, June 4, 1851; Henry M. Vaill, Cape Elizabeth, Aug. 14, 1861; Israel P. Warren, Editor Christian Mirror, Lewiston, April 20, 1842; William Warren, District Secretary of the Am. B'd C. F. M., Gorham, Feb. 13, 1840.

LICENTIATES.—Thomas H. Rich, Richard C. Stanley, Professors in Bates College, Lewiston.

The SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING was held with the Payson Memorial Church, Portland, January 11, 12, 1876. Rev. George S. Dickerman, of Lewiston, *Moderator;* Rev. B. F. Leavitt, *Scribe.* Opening sermon, Rev. Leonard Z. Ferris, Gorham, Eph. 3: 10, 11, "The manifold wisdom of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." Conference sermon, Rev. Edwin A. Harlow, of Cape Elizabeth, 1 John 4: 9, The love of God in sending his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Topics for remarks:—Secret prayer; family worship; social prayer; the Sabbath School; home evangelization; Christian work; Christian influence; Christian knowlege; Foreign Missions,—Rev. Mr. Phillips, from India, was present, and referred to this subject. Resolutions were adopted, in memory of Rev. George E. Adams, which are published in Ch. Mirror, Jan. 15. The Sixth Street Church, Auburn, organized Sept. 16, 1875, was by vote added to the Conference. Ex-Gov. Dingley and Rev. I. P. Warren, referred to the Christian Mirror. Its claims to a generous support were fully recognized. The ladies held a Missionary meeting, in the vestry, on Tuesday, at 4 P. M.

The observance of the Lord's Supper closed the interesting sessions of the Conference.

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The FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING was held with Warren Church, Cumberland Mills, June 13, 14, 1876. Rev. Trueman S. Perry, of Cumberland, *Moderator;* Rev. Joseph Torrey, of Central Church, Yarmouth, *Scribe.* Sermons, Rev. Ezra H. Byington, of Brunswick, Matt. 7: 26, "By their fruits ye shall know them;" Rev. Edward Y. Hincks,—The tokens of spiritual life.

The Report of the Registrar, Rev. A. Blanchard, of Cumberland Mills, was received. The encouraging aspect of the field was referred to by Revs. L. Reynolds, L. Z. Ferris, and others. Topics for discussion: The New Testament idea of church efficiency; early piety; home influences; children in the sanctuary; revivals, how should we regard them; how to make the most and best of a revival; hindrances to the work of the spirit. Lord's Supper administered by Revs. Wilson and Harlow.

A Resolution was adopted, indorsing and commending the action of the Centennial Commission, in closing the exhibition on the Sabbath.

This Conference was formed in 1822, at Gorham, and was composed of sixteen churches. Dr. Payson offered the first prayer, and preached the first sermon. Present number of churches, forty-two.

The SIXTH STREET CHURCH, Auburn, organized September 16, 1875. Rev. George S. Dickerman, of Lewiston, *Moderator* of the Council; Rev. Jonathan G. Leavitt, of New Gloucester, *Scribe.* It comprised twenty-two members—fourteen from High Street Church, Auburn. Public services:—Reading the Scriptures by Rev. E. R. Borchers, of North Yarmouth; reading of the proceedings of the Council by the Scribe; Prayer by the Moderator; Right Hand of Fellowship, Professor R. C. Stanley, of Lewiston; Address to the People, Rev. Joseph Torrey, of Yarmouth; Prayer, Rev. Amasa Loring, of Sumner.

In the evening, by the same Council were ordained to the ministry, LAURISTON REYNOLDS, a graduate of Bangor Seminary, 1874, and FREDERIC E. EMERICK, a member of the same in 1870, and of Bates Seminary in 1876; Reading of the Scriptures, Professor R. C. Stanley, of Bates College; Prayer, Rev. Herbert A. Loring, of Foxcroft; Sermon, Rev. George W. Field, of Bangor—on the importance of Christian Union; Ordaining Prayer, by Rev. Joseph Torrey, of Yarmouth; Charge, Rev. Anson P. Tinker, of Auburn; Right Hand, Rev. John R. Chalmers, of Wilton; Prayer, Rev. J. Mariner, of Lewiston; Benediction, Rev. L. Reynolds.

Mr. Reynolds is to supply the newly organized Sixth Street Church, Auburn; and Mr. Emerick is to supply the church in Turner and Mechanic Falls.

Rev. WILLIAM AUGUSTUS BOSWORTH (Marietta, 1864, Andover, 1868,) installed pastor Congregational Church, Deering, Woodford's Corner, November 10, 1875. Rev. William H. Fenn, of Portland, *Moderator* of Council; Rev. Addison Blanchard, of Cumberland Mills, *Scribe.* Introductory services, Rev. John P. Evans, of Cape Elizabeth; Sermon, Rev. Leonard Z. Ferris, of Gorham—Paul on Mars Hill; Installing Prayer, Rev. Wm. Warren, of Gorham; Charge, Rev. Francis Southworth, of Portland; Right hand, by the Scribe; Address to the people, Rev. Burke F. Leavitt; Benediction by Pastor.

Rev. JONATHAN GREENLEAF LEAVITT, (Colby, 1866, Bangor, 1869,) installed pastor of the church in New Gloucester, December 7, 1875. Rev. William H. Fenn, of Portland, *Moderator* of Council; Rev. Trueman S. Perry, of Cumberland, *Scribe.* Invocation by the Moderator; Reading Scriptures and Prayer, by the Scribe; Sermon, by the Moderator; Installing Prayer, Rev. Joseph Torrey, of Yarmouth; Charge, Rev. George S. Dickerman, of Lewiston; Right hand, Rev. Edward P. Eastman, of Gray; Address to People, Rev. Ernest F. Borchers, of North Yarmouth; Benediction by Pastor.

Rev. JOSEPH SMITH COGSWELL, (Bangor, 1868,) called to West Auburn, November, 1875.

DAVID LEWIS JONES, (Bangor, 1876,) called to South Freeport, April, 1876.

FRANK E. CLARK, (Dartmouth, 1873, Andover, 1876,) called to Williston Church, Portland, June, 1876.

Rev. LEAVITT BARTLETT, who resigned the Pastorate of Central Church, August 2, 1873, was by Council, which convened at Yarmouth, March 3, 1875, formally dismissed. Rev. E. H. Byington, of Brunswick, *Moderator* of Council; Rev. E. F. Borchers, of North Yarmouth, *Scribe.* Mr. B. is in Olathe, Kansas.

Rev. JOHN J. ABBOTT, dismissed from Central Church, Yarmouth, Oct. 14, 1875. Rev. John C. Adams, of Falmouth, *Moderator* of Council; Rev. Trueman S. Perry, of Cumberland, *Scribe.* (Record Ch. Mir., Oct. 19.)

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Rev. JOHN J. BULFINCH, dismissed from the church in Freeport, April 4, 1876. Asher Ellis, *Moderator* of Council; Rev. Joseph Torrey, of Yarmouth, *Scribe*, (Record Ch. Mir., Apr. 8.)

Rev. BURKE F. LEAVITT, dismissed from Williston Church, Portland, May 11, 1876. Rev. Edward Y. Hincks, of Portland, *Moderator* of Council; Rev. Joseph Torrey, of Yarmouth, *Scribe*. (Record Ch. Mir., June 3.)

Rev. EDWARD P. EASTMAN, closed labors at Gray, Dec. 26, 1875. Accepts a call to Ossipee Center, N. H.

Rev. HORATIO ILSLEY, resigns at South Freeport, April, 1876. Acting-pastor from 1868. Residence, South Freeport.

Rev. CHARLES F. DOLE, resigns Pastorate of Plymouth Church, Portland, June 6, 1876. Farewell sermon preached June 4, Acts 10: 34, 35. Accepts call to First Congregational Church, Jamaica Plains, Mass.

Rev. JOSEPH SMITH, closed labors in Minot, June, 1876. Residence, Orland.

Rev. Francis E. Masten, (Standish, 1874,) ordained Pastor, Attleboro, Mass., Sept. 29, 1875. Rev. W. S. Stockbridge, (Deering, 1874–5,) Principal of Lapham Institute, North Scituate, R. I., Sept., 1875. Rev. George A. Perkins, (Pownal, 1872–4,) called to Lunenburg, Vt., Oct., 1875.

The FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY of High Street Church, Auburn, observed February 14, 1876. It was known as the Lewiston Falls Congregational Church. Dr. Payson preached the first sermon to the new church. There have been seven pastors. (Lewiston Journal, Feb. 15.)

A Church Manual has been published by Pine Street Church, Lewiston, Feb., 1876.

SABBATH SCHOOL ANNIVERSARIES.—The twenty-second anniversary of West Chapel Sabbath School, Portland, held Nov. 17, 1875. The Cumberland Center Sabbath School, Nov. 7. A Bible service takes the place of the former forenoon preaching service. A Mission School is supported by them in the foreign field. The sixtieth of the Brunswick Sabbath School, March 1876. The sixth of the Plymouth Sabbath School, Portland, April 30. The fiftieth of First Parish Sabbath School, Yarmouth, May 14. The fifty-ninth of the Sabbath School, in Payson Memorial Church, Portland, May 28,—twenty of its members have united with the church.

NECROLOGY.—Dorcas Bagley, July 24, 1875, æt 94. An exemplary member of the Second Church, Portland, more than fifty years, being admitted by Dr. Payson, in 1824. She remembered Parson Smith and Dr. Deane.—Mrs. Oliver S. Hartshorn, Oct., 1875, a former member of Second and Bethel Church, Portland, wife of Deacon Hartshorn. (Ob. B. Journal, Oct. 6.)—Mrs. Joanna Owen, widow of Joseph Griffin, in Brunswick, Jan. 15, 1876.—Mrs. Phebe B. V., widow of Rev. Charles Soule, (Pastor, Norway, 1837–45,) in Portland, Jan. 25, æt 92.—Seth Storer, at Oak Hill, March 22, the oldest graduate then living of Bowdoin College. Rev. H. G. Storer is a son.—Elihua Irish, in Gorham, May 7, æt 85, an esteemed citizen, and devoted Christian gentleman.—John Neal, in Portland, June 20, æt 83.

BIBLE SOCIETY ANNIVERSARIES.—Maine Bible Society, operating in Cumberland County, May 21, 1876. Mr. E. B. Stillson, colporteur, has visited 2,732 families in the County, supplied 175 destitute.

SEAMEN.—The Portland Seamen's Friend Society, ask the co-operation and aid of the churches, in the work of furnishing libraries. 50,000 pages reading matter have been circulated during the past year; 50 libraries placed on board vessels. Officers—*President*—Capt. Washington Ryan; *Secretary*, and Chaplain of Bethel, Rev. Francis Southworth; *Treasurer*—John H. True.

TEMPERANCE.—The Reform movement is still onward. The Cumberland Temperance Association have met during the year. Reform Clubs are flourishing in Portland, Gorham, Freeport, Auburn, Lewiston, and other places. A convention of Reform Clubs held in Portland, May 10, 11, 1876. A Woman's Temperance Society organized in Portland, April, 1876.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Auburn, J. R. Learned; Auburn, West, Rev. J. S. Cogswell; Auburn, Sixth Street Church, Rev. L. Reynolds; Baldwin, T. D. Richardson; Brunswick, John Furbish; Cape Elizabeth, First Church, Rev. E. A. Harlow; Cape Elizabeth, Welsh, Ligonia Church, Rev. J. P. Evans; Cumberland, Reuben Rideout; Deering, First Church, Dea. H. H. Dow, 35 Oak street, Portland; Deering, Woodford's Corner, Wm. E. Gould; Durham, Ralph H. Hascall; Falmouth First, Rev. J. C. Adams; Falmouth Second, Samuel Bell; Freeport, Dan'l Curtis; Freeport

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South, Rev. H. Ilsley; Gorham, Stephen Hinkley; Gray, David B. Cummings; Harpswell, Wm. C. Eaton; Lewiston, Pine Street Church, Fred. B. Sands; Mechanic Falls, J. M. Eveleth, M. D.; Minot Center, Dea. S. W. Shaw; Hebron and West Minot, Wm. Lowell, W. Minot; New Gloucester, Dea. A. C. Chandler; North Yarmouth, N. W. F. Sweetsir; Poland, Mrs. George Waterhouse; Portland, Second Church, D. O. Perry, M. D.; High Street Church, Daniel Evans; Fourth Church, Henry A. Murray; Bethel Church, Rev. F. Southworth; State Street Church, Thomas Prince; St. Lawrence Street Church, Samuel Thurston; West Congregational Church, Ebenezer M. Gay, No. 3, Hemlock street; Plymouth Church, C. S. D. Griffin, jr.; Williston Church, L. R. Loring, box 1136; Pownal, Azor Mitchell; Scarboro, Dea. George W. Libby, Oak Hill; Standish, Rev. J. P. Trowbridge; Westbrook, First Church, (now Deering First Church,) Dea. H. H. Dow; Westbrook, Second Church, Dea. Harlan P. Murch, Sacarappa; Westbrook, Warren Church, Cumberland Mills, Dea. James Graham; Windham, Rev. Luther Wiswall; Yarmouth, First Church, Rev. Joseph Torrey; Central Church, Barnabas Freeman.

Rev. Joseph Torrey, of Yarmouth, *Scribe of Conference;* Rev. Addison Blanchard, of Cumberland Mills, Westbrook, *Registrar and Treasurer.*

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION, formed in Westbrook, May 28, 1788. Annual meeting, second Tuesday of February; other meetings, on the second Tuesday of May, August, and November. Rev. Edwin A. Harlow, of Cape Elizabeth, *Scribe.*

Met Nov. 9, 1875, in State Street Chapel, Portland; May 9, 10, 1876, in rooms of Y. M. C. Association, Portland; July 13, with Rev. F. Southworth, Portland.

The Lewiston and Auburn Ministerial Association met in Pine street vestry, Lewiston, Nov. 16, and Dec. 21, 1875.

FRANKLIN CONFERENCE.

Annual meeting, Tuesday and Wednesday preceding the second Wednesday in June.—Organized in Strong, January 15, 1869.

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE.—Rev. Daniel D. Tappan, Weld, Ordained Nov. 14, 1826. Rev. Jacob Abbott, Farmington, Ordained Sept. 18, 1834. Rev. Stephen Titcomb, Farmington, June 6, 1855. Rev. Jonas Burnham, Farmington, July 28, 1858.

LICENTIATES.—G. A. Gordon, Temple; H. Jones, Industry and vicinity; G. W. Osgood, New Vineyard and vicinity; T. F. D. Shurtz, Farmington Falls.

THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING, held with the church in New Sharon, June 13, 14, 1876. A. F. Holt, of New Sharon, *Moderator.* Opening sermon, Rev. Jonas Burnham, Hebrews 13: 6—Divers and strange doctrines. Report of the Churches, by Rev. John W. H. Baker, of New Sharon. Topics for remark:—What are the conditions of success in winning souls to Christ; Importance of the Biblical education of children and youth, and how it can best be secured; What are the lessons of the past year respecting the development and utilization of the latent resources of the churches, and the means and methods of agressive work for Christ; Personal consecration to Christ, the meaning of it, and the results to be secured by it. A resolution was adopted, recognizing the American Missionary Association as an important agency in aid of the Freedmen; and remarks added. Reference was made to the last hours of Rev. Horace Toothaker, a former Pastor at New Sharon. (In memoriam, Minutes, 1875, p. 37.) A minute, *in memoriam,* was adopted in reference to the death of Rev. Simeon Hackett, of Temple. (Notice, see Necrology.) Conference sermon, by Rev. J. Loring Pratt, of Strong; followed by the Communion. Each session was opened by a prayer-meeting of half an hour.

OSGOOD WYMAN ROGERS, (Bowdoin, 1872; Bangor, 1876;) ordained Pastor of the church in Farmington, June 21, 1876. Rev. Prof. William M. Barbour, of Bangor, *Moderator;* Rev. Webster Woodbury, of Skowhegan, *Scribe.* Services:—Anthem, "How precious are the feet of those who bring glad tidings;" Invocation and Reading of the Scriptures, Rev. Charles Munger; Hymn,—"He leadeth me;" Sermon, by the Moderator, Phil. 4: 3,—Encouragements to the Christian minister; Hymn,—"Precious Name;" Ordaining Prayer, Professor Barbour; Right hand, Rev.

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John W. H. Baker, of New Sharon; Charge, Rev. Luther Wiswall, of Windham; Address to People, by the Scribe; Prayer, Rev. Henry B. Hart, of Weld; Hymn,—"We bid thee welcome;" Benediction by Pastor.

Rev. GEORGE N. MARDEN, dismissed from Farmington, August 24, 1875. Rev. John W. H. Baker, of New Sharon, *Moderator* of Council; Rev. John H. Chalmers, of Wilton, *Scribe*. (Record Ch. Mir., Sept. 7.) Farewell sermon preached, Aug. 29. Left New York, Oct. 2, for Glasgow, purposing to travel in Europe, about a year, in part for the benefit of his health. He preached in the American Chapel, Paris, Nov. 14.

Rev. JOHN H. CHALMERS, dismissed from Wilton, Sept. 14, 1875. Rev. John W. H. Baker, of New Sharon, *Moderator* of Council; Rev. Henry B. Hart, of Weld, *Scribe*.

FARMINGTON.—The pulpit supplied after the dismissal of Rev. G. N. Marden, by Mr. O. W. Rogers and others of the Seminary at Bangor; and occasionally by Revs. Lyman Abbott, (Sept.;) E. C. Cummings, of Portland, (Oct.;) I. P. Warren, of Lewiston, and R. B. Howard, of New York, (Nov.;) Mr. Howard, Pastor, 1860-70, one of the editors of the Advance, residing in New York City, and supplying the church in East Orange, N. J., Dec., 1875. The Bible service is sustained with unabated interest. It was conducted in the absence of the Pastor, by Dr. James B. Severy. Mrs. Mary Case, one of the original members of this church, formed in 1814, and remaining a member until death, died in Chesterville, June 9, 1876, æt 93. President Chamberlain, of Bowdoin College, delivered the address at the close of the term of the Western State Normal Class. *Farmington Falls.*—Rev. M. S. Croswell, of Sonoma, California, preached Aug. 15, 1875,—and of four received to the church on profession of faith, two of them were upwards of eighty years of age,—the father and mother of the preacher. Rev. G. N. Marden assisted in the services. *Temple.*—Prof. A. P. Kelsey, of Farmington, has supplied this church for a season. George A. Gordon, of the Seminary, June 4, 1876, to Sept. 7, 1876. *Wilton.*—Revs. John Lawrence, F. E. Emerick, N. Grover, and C. G. Holyoke, supplied in the fall, 1875; Warren F. Bickford, in March, 1876.

The Franklin Ministerial Association met in Farmington, July 12, 1875, with Rev. E. Adams. Rev. John R. Chalmers, of Wilton, *Moderator*.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Farmington, J. P. Thwing; Farmington Falls, C. E. Davis; Industry, George W. Luce; New Sharon, F. M. Howes; New Vineyard, John McLain; Phillips, Joseph N. Worthly; Strong, S. B. Luce; Temple, Abel Sampson; Weld, Timothy H. Frye; Wilton, E. P. Packard.

Dr. James B. Severy, of Farmington, *Scribe of Conference*; Dea. John Titcomb, of Farmington, *Treasurer*.

HANCOCK CONFERENCE.

Annual meeting, second Tuesday and Wednesday in June.—Organized in Bucksport, May 10, 1825.—Semi-annual meeting in September or October.

WITHOUT CHARGE.—Rev. Sewall Tenney, Ellsworth, ordained August 10, 1831; Joseph Smith, Orland, ordained Nov. 10, 1842; Rev. Alfred L. Skinner, (P. M.,) Bucksport, ordained January 27, 1854.

LICENTIATES.—*Amherst and Aurora*—Samuel L. Vincent; *Deer Isle, North*—E. Benson; *Isle au Haut*—A. Marsh; *Mt. Desert*—S. P. Dunlap; *Steuben*—J. E. Bissell, and F. T. Lee; *Amherst and West Trenton*—Dugald McGregor; *West Trenton*—M. Peters.

The SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING was held with the First Church, Deer Isle, October 12, 13, 1875. Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine, *Moderator*. Topics discussed:—1. The Sabbath; how should it be observed? What religious services needed. 2. What shall the Church do to interest the young in the study of God's word. 3. How pastor and people may be mutually helpful. 4. Are extra means necessary to promote a revival of religion. 5. The advantages of Christian fraternity among the churches, in an interchange of labor among them, with a view to spiritual quicken-

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ing and refreshing from on high. Verbal reports from the churches. Conference sermon, by Rev. Arthur H. Tebbets, of Bluehill, Jonah 1:6, "What meanest thou, O sleeper?" The Lord's Supper administered. "We all felt it was good to be there,"—"and the regret was expressed by many, that we could not continue our feast of love another day."

THE FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING was held with the church in West Brooksville, June 13, 14, 1876. Rev. A. E. Ives, *Moderator*. Sermon by Rev. William Forsyth, of Bucksport, Acts 4: 36, 37—The character of Barnabas; and Rev. Sewall Tenney, of Ellsworth, on Faith, victory over the world. Topics for remarks.—1. The CENTENNIAL, as connected with our churches. 2. How shall the attendance upon the afternoon service of the Sabbath be increased. The reports from the churches were encouraging. The Lord's Supper was observed.

BLUEHILL.—Rev. Arthur H. Tebbets, acting-pastor, from 1872, resigns his charge June, 1876. *Brooksville.*—Mrs. Harriet C., widow of Rev. Manning Ellis, (Pastor, 1826-35,) died in Belfast, January 10, 1876, æt 76. *Bucksport.*—The Ladies' Circle, by their work and sales, add to the building fund for the new vestry, August, 1875. *Castine.*—President Chamberlain, of Bowdoin College, delivered the address, at the examination and commencement at the Eastern State Normal School, June 21. *Deer Isle.*—Rev. F. V. D. Garretson aided the Pastor in the meetings held during the religious interest, in February, 1876. *North Deer Isle.*—Mr. Enoch Benson closed his labors here, and returned to his studies in Union Theological Seminary, Nov., 1875. Rev. Josiah T. Clossen succeeded him. *Ellsworth.*—Sabbath services held in union with the Baptist Church, a portion of the year. The Sabbath School and prayer-meetings are continued as before. Rev. Dr. Tenney has preached in Lamoine, during a part of the year. *Orland.*—Rev. William Forsyth, of Bucksport, preaches Sabbath afternoons. *Steuben.*—Mr. J. E. Bissell supplied four months, from April, 1876.

Sunday School Associations, embracing two or three towns each, have been formed.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Amherst and Aurora, Dea. Sylvanus Butler, Aurora; Bluehill, Samuel B. Johnson; West Brooksville, M. J. Farnham; Bucksport, Edward Swasey; Castine, Rev. A. E. Ives; Deer Isle, 1st ch., Daniel Saunders; Deer Isle, 2d ch., Wm. E. Powers, North Deer Isle; Ellsworth, John M. Hale, Sen.; Isle au Haut, Elcy S. Turner; Orland, A. P. Emerson; Sedwick and Brooksville, Dea. S. Allen, North Brooksville; Sedgwick Village, D. J. Cunningham, Brookline; Tremont and Mt. Desert, David King, S. W. Harbor.

Rev. Edward R. Osgood, of West Brooksville, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference*.

HANCOCK ASSOCIATION, organized in Sedgwick, Sept. 21, 1797. Meetings, first week in June, and second week in August, November, and February. Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine, *Scribe*.

KENNEBEC CONFERENCE.

Annual meeting, second Tuesday and Wednesday in June.—Organized in Winthrop, Oct. 29, 1823.—Semi-annual meeting, fourth Tuesday and Wednesday in Oct.

WITHOUT CHARGE.—Revs. Thomas Adams, Winslow, ordained August 26, 1818. Almon Whitney Burr, (Oberlin College and Seminary, 1868-71; Andover, 1875;) Principal of Hallowell Classical Institute, from Sept. 2, 1875; ordained July 27, 1875. Henry Vaughan Emmons, (Amherst, 1854; Bangor, 1859;) Hallowell, ordained Nov. 13, 1859. Henry F. Harding, Hallowell, ordained Oct. 17, 1855. Frederic E. Sturgess, Gardiner, ordained Oct. 1, 1868.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING in Augusta, October 26, 27, 1875. Hon. Joshua Nye, *Moderator*; Rev. Austin L. Park, *Scribe, pro tem.* Opening sermon, Rev. Charles D. Crane, of Waterville, Mark 1: 35—The Saviour rising a great while before day, going into a solitary place to pray. Topics for remarks:—1. The theme of the sermon. 2. What place in Church work do Evangelists occupy. 3. What does the Church owe to Sabbath Schools. 4. What is it to be spiritually minded, and how

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shall this state be promoted among our churches. 5. What do the parishioners expect of their minister in his pastoral visits. 6. What special demand does the present time of religious expectation and business depression make upon the churches. On Monday evening a praise meeting was held, led by Dea. Geo. F. Hawes, of Augusta, followed by an exercise in Bible reading, conducted by Rev. John Dinsmore, of Winslow. A prayer and promise meeting was held on Wednesday afternoon, led by Rev. Thomas Adams. Conference sermon by Rev. Henry V. Emmons, of Hallowell, Romans 8: 26, The spirit helping our infirmities. The Lord's Supper administered by Revs. Josiah T. Hawes and Thomas Adams. The ministers and laymen of the Conference were present in goodly numbers, and took part in the exercises, as also Ex-Gov. Dingley, from Cumberland Conference.

The FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING was held with the church in Litchfield, June 13, 14, 1876. Rev. Thomas Adams, of Winslow, *Moderator;* Rev. William C. Curtis, *Scribe.* Sermon, Rev. Charles D. Crane, of Waterville, John 1: 40, 41. Individual responsibility. Conference sermon, Rev. James H. Ecob, of Augusta. Subjects for discussion: The relation of Bible study to Christian character; How shall we secure an increasing interest in our church services and Sabbath School exercises, so as to draw the people that do not attend. A paper was read by Rev. Wm. C. Curtis, of Richmond, on the question, "Who ought to join the church." Charles Hill, of Monmouth, had a familiar talk with the children. The report of the Scribe showed more than ordinary prosperity in the churches during the past year. The Lord's Supper administered by Revs. John Dinsmore, and Henry V. Emmons.

WARREN FRANKLIN BICKFORD, (Bowdoin, 1872; Bangor, 1876;) ordained Pastor of the church in Winthrop. June 20, 1876. Rev. Henry V. Emmons, *Moderator* of the Council; Rev. Henry F. Harding, of Hallowell, *Scribe.* Sermon and charge by Rev. Prof. John S. Sewall, of Bangor Seminary; Ordaining Prayer, Rev. Henry F. Harding, of Hallowell; Right hand, Rev. Henry V. Emmons, of Hallowell; Address to people, Rev. Josiah T. Hawes, of Litchfield.

Rev. CHARLES D. CRANE, dismissed from the pastorate in Clinton, June 9, 1875. Rev. Thomas Adams, of Winslow, *Moderator* of Council; Rev. Austin L. Park, of Gardiner, *Scribe.* Mr. Crane called to Waterville.

Rev. CHARLES G. MCCULLY, dismissed from Hallowell, January 11, 1876. Rev. Solomon P. Fay, of Bangor, *Moderator;* Rev. Austin L. Park, of Gardiner, *Scribe,* Pastor, from Oct. 1867. Accepts call to Calais.

Rev. RICHARD W. JENKINS, dismissed from Winthrop, April 17, 1876. Rev. John Dinsmore, of Winslow, *Moderator;* Rev. Charles D. Crane, of Waterville, *Scribe.*

AUGUSTA.—Rev. R. B. Howard supplied July, 1875.—State Temperance Convention, January, 1876. Hallowell.—Rev. H. Q. Butterfield, (Pastor, 1857-61,) accepts a call to the Presidency of Olivet College, Michigan, July, 1875.—Rev. Almon W. Burr, Principal of the Classical Institute, was ordained to the ministry, July, 1875, and supplied several months the Second Congregational Church, in Oberlin.—Mrs. Lucy D. Gilman, wife of Dea. S. K. Gilman, died August 12, 1875, æt 73. (Ob., Cong., Sept. 16.)—Hon. Simon Page has been Superintendent of the Sabbath School thirty-nine years in succession, Dec., 1875.—Rev. Stephen Allen is appointed superintendent of the Industrial School for Girls. The rooms are all filled, (43 inmates), and in successful operation, January, 1876. *Pittston.*—Rev. G. G. Winslow has supplied a part of the year. *Richmond.*—Rev. Wm. C. Curtiss delivered an address, and Rev. Wm. Hart, of Bath, gave readings, before the Reform Club, May, 1876. *Vassalboro.* Rev. A. L. Park, of Gardiner, gave a course of lectures on foreign lands, Nov., 1875. *Waterville.*—In connection with the religious interest, a revival of interest in the Temperance cause has been manifested. A Reform Club and Woman's Christian Temperance Union have been organized, and the latter has held meetings weekly, in the vestry of the church. *Winslow.*—Rev. Thomas Adams' reminiscences of the Temperance cause have been published in the Ch. Mirror, Sept. 7, 1875, April 15, 22, 29, May 6 and 27, 1876. He preached on Squirrel Island, July, 1875. *Winthrop.*—A Church Manual has been published. Notice Ch. Mir., Oct. 30, 1875.—A school-house in District No. 1, was dedicated by an earnest prayer-meeting, held within its walls, September, 1875.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Augusta, Dea. Edward A. Nason; Benton, H. L. Crosby; Clinton, A. M. Billings; Gardiner, Rev. A. L. Park; Hallowell, J. F. Russell; Litchfield, John Hancock; Monmouth, Dea. M. J. Metcalf; Pittston, Dea. David A. White; Richmond, Dea. B. F. Tallman; Sidney, A. Sawtelle; Vassalboro, Otis Hawes; Waterville, J. L. Towne; Winslow, C. H. Keith; Winthrop, Dea. Stephen Sewall.

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Rev. William C. Curtiss, of Richmond, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference.*

Next meeting (semi-annual,) in Waterville, Oct. 24, 25, 1876.

Kennebec Association formed in Pittston, July 24, 1816, merged in Kennebec and Somerset Association.

KENNEBEC AND SOMERSET ASSOCIATIONS united, April 23, 1867, at Waterville. Meets fourth Tuesday of January, April, and October, and the second Monday in July. Rev. John Dinsmore, of Winslow, *Scribe.* Met in Waterville, April 25, 1876. Sermon in the evening by Rev. James H. Ecob, of Augusta.

REMINISCENCES OF KENNEBEC CONFERENCE.

BY REV. THOMAS ADAMS.

The history of Kennebec Conference is closely connected with that of the Kennebec Association. Unfortunately the early records of both bodies are lost. Those of the Association up to 1851, were put into the hands of Father Thurston, as he was appointed to prepare a history of the Association. It was unfinished at the time of his death, and the records with most of his papers were deposited in the office of his son in Portland, and consumed in the great Fourth of July fire. When I returned from Ohio, about fourteen years ago, the brethren were re-constructing the constitution of the Conference from memory, as the records had been carried away, probably by some careless clerk. Of course I must rely on memory as to whatever I may furnish.

When I came to Maine, in 1817, no Association had been organized in Kennebec, but some of the elder brethren were connected with the Lincoln Association; but there was a ministerial conference which was to all intents and purposes an Association. It was composed of Brethren Gillet, of Hallowell, Thurston, of Winthrop, Tappan, of Augusta, Kendrick, of Pittston, Peet, of Norridgewock, and Holt, of Bloomfield. Early in 1819, these brethren united in organizing the Kennebec and Somerset Association. In the meantime I had been ordained, on the 26th of August, 1818, over a church of fifteen members, just organized in Vassalboro. By some misunderstanding, I was not present at the organization of the Association. Of course I do not count as one of the original members; but I attended the first meeting afterward, joined it, and was chosen scribe.

The first act of the Association, at its organization, was to examine and license as a candidate for the ministry, Ralph Randolph Gurley, who was for so many years, secretary of the American Colonization Society. He had graduated the previous commencement at Yale, and read Theology during the interval with Dr. Gillet, who was his brother-in-law. As our licenses were limited to three years, I received very regularly, once in three years, a request for a renewal of his license. I do not recollect whether he was ever ordained.

I cannot give the date* of the organization of the Kennebec and Somerset Conference. I recollect receiving a letter from the Rev. Asa Rand, Scribe of the Cumberland Association, giving an account of the organization of their Conference, and soliciting us to follow their example, and this was shortly done. Kennebec County, at that time, and for many years afterward, comprised a large part of what is now Franklin County, making a pretty good day's journey between some of the churches; but the brethren and sisters usually found themselves richly repaid not only by the season of Christian intercourse, but by their pleasant rides over hills and through valleys, breathing the pure air of heaven, and surveying the extended prospect, instead of being cramped in the narrow limits, and breathing the tainted air of the railroad car. Another way the invention of railroads has had a bad effect upon the meetings of our Conferences and Associations. When we traveled with our own teams, we could make our calculations so as to be with one accord in one place at the appointed time, and quietly enjoy the exercises to their close without feeling anxious lest we should miss the train. And there is another bad effect that may be mentioned. They have taken away the custom, and of course terminated the existence, of those excellent institutions, *ministers' taverns*, that used so much to refresh

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*Kennebec Association was organized July 24, 1816. Prior to 1816, it was united with Lincoln, under the name of "Lincoln and Kennebec (Ministerial) Conference." In 1816, Somerset was joined with Kennebec, under the name of the "Kennebec and Somerset (Ministerial) Conference." In July 24, 1819, the Kennebec and Somerset Association was formed, and continued united until 1829, when they separated. Somerset and Franklin united in 1853. In April 23, 1867, Kennebec and Somerset again united, including Franklin, and continue so until the present time. Somerset Conference was organized October 1, 1823. Kennebec Conference, Oct. 29, 1823.—(Pub. Com.)

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the souls of landlords, and both souls and bodies of travelers, so that only here and there an antiquated one remains.

I will take a glance at the *personality* of our Conference; at least that portion of it that has passed off the stage. We cannot fail to be interested in those reminiscences that furnish a mere glance at the eminent departed. Even the old garments of Washington are thought worthy of preservation in our national repositories. And in these reminiscences I doubt whether we should adhere strictly to the rule, *de mortuis nihil nisi bonum.* If a man leaves his portrait behind him, he expects that his warts and other unseemly excrescences will be faithfully presented, unless they are very bad; and then he will prefer that his whole person shall pass into forgetfulness, and so his moral and intellectual portrait should be presented as it is, or not at all; his good traits that they may be imitated, his imperfect ones that they may be avoided. .

Jotham Sewall is a name held in high honor among the churches of Maine. His memory went back to the days of Whitefield, whom he heard preach in York, his native town, when he was about ten years old, which must have been about ten days before Whitefield took his final departure from earth, at Newburyport. I once heard him repeat one of Whitefield's sayings, which I will repeat for the benefit of posterity, as it was a terse way of putting the thing. "Some think to be saved by works, works! Did you hear a man say that he went out and made a rope of sand, and climbed to heaven with it, would you not say his head was turned?" He was a self-made man, and though rather late in life he was installed pastor of the church in Chesterville. His labors were chiefly as a missionary, and in this capacity, his name was a household word throughout the length and breadth of the State. He was uniformly listened to with interest by the most intelligent class of hearers; and when some one complained that there was too much sameness in his preaching, which was hardly correct, a good woman replied that she never heard him preach, but what she wanted to hear him preach *just so* again. He had a sound mind in a sound body, and could be a son of thunder, or a son of consolation, as occasion required. We had a peculiar class of sectarians in former times; but one remarked, they trembled at the name of Jotham Sewall. His wife, when advanced in life, was not a professor of religion; but he used to say she was one of the best of impenitent sinners, and I believe was numbered with the disciples before her death. His spirit still lives in a somewhat numerous ministerial posterity.

Eliphalet Gillet, who died in 1848, at the age of eighty, was pronounced by his theological instructor, Dr. Spring, of Newburyport, as in talents second to none. With his easy and gentlemanly manners, he found easy access to the best society, and was highly honored and respected. He was a laborious minister, holding himself in readiness to obey the many calls he had for special services from destitute places in an extended circuit around. That his services were highly estimated by his congregation, is evident from the fact that so many of his sermons were requested for publication, fifteen of them being thus published. But it must be confessed that there were not such results from his ministry, which closed at the age of sixty, as might rightfully have been expected.

Jonathan Belden, was first pastor of the church in Winthrop, afterward at Bristol, but for many years a resident of Augusta, without charge. An odd man, asthmatic, sometimes very interesting in his religious services, and sometimes tedious and uninteresting.

Daniel Lovejoy, the father of Elijah P., Joseph C., and Owen. He was uneducated, but studied theology awhile with Rev. Dr. Parish, of Byfield, Mass. He was an interesting and generally acceptable preacher, but an unhealthy state of the nervous system led ultimately to suicide. He had a good wife. When she heard of the murder of her son, Elijah P., she calmly remarked, "I had rather hear that, than to hear he had abandoned his principles."

David Thurston and Benjamin Tappan, honored and beloved, more recently departed,—most will have their own reminiscences of them, and will not need mine. The latter gave me the right-hand of fellowship at my ordination, and all our subsequent intercourse has shown that he meant what he said.

Isaac Rogers, I need only name He claimed, and I presume justly, to be a lineal descendant of the Smithfield martyr.

I will allude to but two others; Josiah Peet, of Norridgewock, and Fifield Holt, of Skowhegan, then Bloomfield. They were settled in 1814, on the same plan. Sustained in part by missionary funds, they were each to spend half their time as missionaries among the feeble churches in Somerset County. They were as diverse from each other as two men could well be, but they labored very harmoniously together. Bro. Holt had most vivacity; would *get up* a sermon, so to speak, more readily, and throw more energy into his delivery, while Brother Peet moved more

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deliberately; but he ever brought beaten oil to the sanctuary. There was a kind of dry humor about him, which made him a pleasant companion. "Is not Mr. —— a Congregationalist?" was asked. "About *so much* of one," was the reply,—measuring off a half inch of his little finger. There was something in his private intercourse with his people, more than the character of his pulpit labors, that gave him a warm place in their hearts. Bro. Holt was a pleasant companion, and generally acceptable as a preacher, and well adapted to the kind of labor he was called to perform among the destitute churches in Somerset County. He was cut down in the midst of his days by a very malignant erysipelas. It was a sad day to Bro. Tappan and myself when we rode together to his funeral. Bro. T. preached from the words, "The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death."

Brother Holt was not without his failings. He was careless, and neglected many things that are very important, in which I fear he has many imitators. I recollect scolding him once for neglecting to make a return of the marriages he had solemnized, though he said, he had *set them down in his almanac!*—thus exposing himself to a fifty dollar penalty for every instance of neglect. And when I recently inquired of his present successor, as to the growth of the church under his ministry, he returned for answer, that there was nothing to show what the growth was, or whether there was any growth during his ministry.

I never knew of his sending anything to the press but once. In 1829, he preached before the Maine Conference, at Waldoboro. He preached from the words, in Daniel, "The street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times." The sermon was made up chiefly of historical extracts, showing how the interests of Zion have been advanced in the midst of trials and persecutions. Our veteran printer, Mr. Shirley, being present, thought it would make an interesting Sabbath School book, and requested a copy for that purpose. It was granted, and printed in the usual form of the small class of Sabbath School books. [Its title, is "History of the Church of Christ, from the Creation to the present time."]

He would sometimes have sermons that would excite the risibilities. An amusing circumstance was related to me by that beloved brother and model minister, Ellingwood, of Bath. The Lincoln Association met at his house; and at the dinner-table, he remarked to the brethren that he would improve the time by giving them some account of a sermon that had been lately preached in Somerset County. The text was in Lamentations 4: 3, "The daughter of my people is become cruel, like the ostriches in the wilderness." His object was to set before his hearers the example of the ostrich, as illustrating the manner in which parents treat their children as to their spiritual nourishment; adopting doubtless the description found in God's address to Job. "Gavest thou wings and feathers to the ostrich, which leaveth her eggs in the earth, and warmeth them in the dust, and forgetteth that the foot may crush them, or that the wild beast may break them?" And then he described how the ostrich, according to the description of some writers, leaves her young to pick up their living as they can, and where they can; and what horribly indigestible articles these young ostriches are accustomed to devour; old woolen rags, and even *red hot bullets!* And by this he would illustrate the way of parents in Somerset County, who allow their children, on the Sabbath especially, to roam about wherever they list, and pick up just such crude, indigestible matter in the form of religious instruction as they happen to fall in with. By the time Brother Ellingwood got through with his presentation of the subject, he found his guests in a condition of irrepressible laughter, and as the custom of *returning thanks* had not then become obsolete, he was anxious lest he should not be able to have that service performed decently and in order. At length he ventured to call on Brother Weston, the soberest man among them, who succeeded in performing the service with propriety.

LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOC CONFERENCE.

Organized in Alna, June 8, 1825.—Annual meeting, Tuesday and Wednesday before second Wednesday in June.—Semi-annual meeting—none regularly.

WITHOUT CHARGE.—Rev. David Quimby Cushman, Bath, ordained Feb. 7, 1838. Rev. Daniel F. Potter, Topsham, ordained Oct. 25, 1852.

LICENTIATE.—*Bremen*, J. S. Richards.

The FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING was held with the church in Thomaston. Rev. Henry S. Loring, of Phipsburg, *Moderator*. Opening sermon, Rev. Andrew J.

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McLeod, of Waldoboro, Luke 23: 54. The day of preparation. Conference sermon, Rev. Flavius V. Norcross, of Union, Mark 2: 13. Christ as a Teacher. The report of the Reporter, Rev. A. J. McLeod, was followed by discussing its encouraging and discouraging features. A resolution was adopted, recognizing with gratitude the progress in the Temperance reform during the year. Tuesday evening was occupied in discussing Sabbath School work, and the methods by which the study of the Bible could be made more thorough and profitable. The present instability of the pastoral relation was discussed. Rev. Crosby H. Wheeler, of the Harpoot Mission, spoke in behalf of the mission work in Turkey; and Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath, presented the claims of the Maine Missionary Society.

At 9 o'clock on Wednesday morning, the ladies held a Missionary meeting of great interest, at which Mrs. C. H. Wheeler was present.

The services of the Conference were closed with the observance of the Lord's Supper. "The spirit of the meeting was excellent."

Rev. LEWIS GOODRICH, (Bowdoin, 1845, Bangor, 1848,) installed Pastor of the Second Church in Warren, Nov. 3, 1875. Rev. Javan K. Mason, of Thomaston, *Moderator;* Rev. Andrew J. McLeod, of Waldoboro, *Scribe.* Public services at 2 P. M. Reading Scripture and prayer, Rev. Ebenezer Bean, of Camden; Hymn 143, select, "Great Lord of Angels!" Sermon, Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath, Isa. 56: 7. The power of prayer, as applied to spiritual and natural laws. Installing prayer, Rev. Wm. F. Obear, of New Castle; Charge, by the Scribe; Right-hand, by the Moderator, who gave the same part at his ordination in Dedham, twenty-six years ago, (January 1, 1850;) Address to the people by Rev. F. V. Norcross, of Union; Hymn 428, select, "We bid thee welcome;" closing prayer, Rev. N. T. Dutton, pastor of Baptist Church, Warren; Benediction by the Pastor.

Rev. WILLIAM H. BOLSTER dismissed from the pastorate in Wiscasset, Feb. 8, 1876, (commenced June 11, 1872.) Rev. Ezra B. Pike, of Boothbay, *Moderator* of Council; Rev. Henry O. Thayer, of Woolwich, *Scribe;* closes March 1. Accepts call to Everett, Mass., July, 1876.

Rev. GEORGE W. CHRISTIE, of Kittery, Acting-Pastor at Wiscasset, from July 16, 1876.

Bath.—The Temperance cause has enlisted the attention of the people to an unusual degree. A meeting of the State Reform Club was held December 14, 1875. *Edgecomb.*—Rev. Henry H. Hutchinson supplied a part of the winter, from Dec., 1875. Dea. Rufus Sewall resigns as Clerk of the church,—a position which he has long and faithfully held. *New Castle.*—Lincoln County Sabbath School Convention held Nov. 9, 10, 1875.—Rev. Edwin Seabury, (Pastor 1844–48,) has closed his labors in Berlin, Vt., Dec., 1875.—Rev. Edwin B. Palmer, (Pastor 1859–62,) installed Pastor First Church, Ipswich, Mass., January 12, 1876. *Phipsburg.*—Rev. John Boynton, Pastor 1827 to 1840, died in Felton, Delaware, March 1, 1876, æt 74. (See Necrology.) Rev. H. S. Loring, Acting-Pastor, preached, August 6, a memorial discourse from the text, 1 Timo. 4: 6–8. "I am now ready to be offered," etc.—Frank L. Bristol, Acting-Pastor 1873–4, ordained Evangelist at Halifax, Mass., Oct. 21, 1875. *Rockland.*—Rev. James E. Hall, Acting-Pastor from February, 1873, resigns his charge on account of his health. The church decline accepting it, and give him a vacation of six months, and longer, if necessary. He has received a call to New Bedford, Mass., May, 1876.—A series of Sabbath evening lectures on Temperance were commenced in October, 1875.—A meeting of the State Reform Club was held March 15, 16, 1876. *Thomaston.*—Rev. Javan K. Mason's address on Prisons and Prison Discipline, delivered in Representatives Hall, Augusta, Me., in convention of Sheriffs, County Commissioners, Prison Inspectors, and friends of prison reform, Jan. 26, 1876, has been published, 22 pp. 8 vo. *Topsham.*—C. W. Hill supplied July, 1875. Rev. Nathan W. Grover is now Acting-Pastor, from Dec., 1875. *Washington.*—Rev. John J. Bulfinch, late of Freeport, is to supply June, 1876. *Woolwich.*—Rev. Henry O. Thayer prepared a history of the town, which was delivered on the 4th of July, 1876. Poem by Miss Lizzie Otis.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Alna, Dea. Jeremiah Pearson; Bath, Winter St., Rev. J. O. Fiske; Bath, Central, Dea. Gershom H. Palmer; Boothbay, 1st Church, David Adams, North Boothbay; Boothbay, 2d Church, Jas. T. Beath; Bremen, J. P. Hilton; Bristol, Rev. L. D. Evans; Edgecomb, Ebenezer Chase, jr.; Lisbon, Mrs. A. M. Shea, Lisbon Falls, a. c.; Newcastle, 1st Church, Joseph Curtis, Sheepscot Bridge; Newcastle, 2d Church, Rev. Wm. F. Obear; Phipsburg, Nathaniel C. Read; Rockland, Geo. W. Kimball; Thomaston, J. A. Fuller; Topsham, A. W. Dennett; Union, Augustus Vaughn; Waldoboro, 1st Church, George Allen; Waldoboro, 2d Church, Jacob Winchenbeau; Warren, I. P. Starrett; Washington, Dea. Calvin Starrett; Wiscasset, J. W. Taggard; Woolwich, Rev. Henry O. Thayer.

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Rev. William F. Obear, of New Castle, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference;* Mr. Huston, of Damariscotta, *Auditor;* Rev. A. J. McLeod, of Waldoboro, *Reporter.*

LINCOLN ASSOCIATION, formed in Warren, May 1, 1814,—meets third Tuesday in January, and second Tuesday in May and September.

LINCOLN (WEST) ASSOCIATION, formed at Phipsburg, May 1, 1844,—meetings, first Tuesday in February, May, and November. Rev. Henry S. Loring, of Phipsburg, *Scribe.* Met in Bath, with Rev. John O. Fiske, May 2, 1876. Rev. William Hart, of Bath, *Moderator.* Sermon in the evening, by Rev. I. P. Warren, editor of Christian Mirror, Gal. 3:11.

OXFORD CONFERENCE.

Organized in Bridgton, Jan. 16, 1824.—Annual meeting, second Tuesday and Wednesday in June.—Semi-annual meeting, third Tuesday and Wednesday in October.

WITHOUT CHARGE.—Rev. Samuel L. Gould, Bethel, ordained Oct. 23, 1839. Rev. Henry Richardson, Gilead, ordained Nov. 23, 1831.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING with the First Church, Bethel, October 19, 20, 1875. Hon. Enoch W. Woodbury, of Bethel, *Moderator.* Opening sermon, Rev. Geo. F. Tewksbury, of Gorham, N. H., Sol. Song, 2:20. The church in the world, the key-note to the subject presented for discussion. 1. Christian growth; its importance. 2. The means of securing this growth. 3. Evidences of Christian growth. Wednesday A. M. Meeting of the Oxford Bible Society, D. F. Brown, *President.* The cause presented by Rev. Wm. H. Gilbert, New England Agent. Foreign Missions, presented by Dis. Secretary, Rev. William Warren. Conference sermon, Rev. Calvin Chapman, of Andover, Luke 10:20, "Rejoice, because your names are written in heaven." Administration of the Lord's Supper. "Thus closed one of the most pleasant and profitable meetings of this Conference of churches."

The FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING with the church in Andover, June 13, 14, 1876. Hon. E. W. Woodbury, *Moderator.* Opening sermon, Rev. A. J. Benedict, of Berlin Falls, N. H., 2 Cor. 4:5, 31. For Jesus sake. Conference sermon, Rev. Henry Farrar, of Gilead, Ps. 62: 8. Trust in Him at all times. Topics for discussion: 1. What are some of the great needs of the churches at the present time. 2. How are these needs to be supplied. 3. How shall the members of the churches most effectually aid the ministry. 4. The prayer-meeting; its relations to the spiritual welfare of the church. 5. Importance of dependence upon the aid of the Holy Spirit in the study of the Scriptures. 6. Connection of Biblical knowledge with personal character and influence. 7. How promote a greater knowledge of the Bible among the people. 8. Early piety. 9. Responsibilities of parents for the conversion of their children. 10. Responsibility of Sabbath School teachers. A resolution was adopted, approving the decision of the Centennial Commission to close the exhibition on the Sabbath. The Lord's Supper administered by Revs. John Elliot, and David Garland.

On Tuesday evening, the ministers and their wives took tea at the house of Rev. Samuel W. Pearson, Acting-Pastor of the church.

Rev. SAMUEL W. PEARSON, called from Alfred to the church in Andover, May 1, 1876.

Rev. CALVIN CHAPMAN closed his labors in Andover, Sept. 1, 1875. Residence, Kennebunkport.

Rev. NATHAN W. GROVER, called from Bethel to Topsham, December, 1875.

Rev. AMASA LORING closes his labors in Sumner, and removes to Foxcroft, Dec. 1875.

Rev. URIAH W. SMALL, Acting-Pastor in Turner, from May, 1874, resigned the charge, April, 1876.

Rev. GEORGE F. TEWKSBURY, Acting-Pastor in Gorham, N. H., from September 1868, resigns, and accepts a call to Lyman, June, 1876.

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Rev. ARTHUR JARED BENEDICT, (Amherst, 1872, Yale Theo. Sem., 1875,) Acting-Pastor in Gorham, N. H., from June 1, 1876, in connection with Berlin Falls.

Rev. JOHN B. WHEELRIGHT, resigned pastorate in South Paris, July, 1876.

Bethel, First Church.—Charles G. Holyoke supplied from Nov., 1875, to April, 1876, when he returned to Yarmouth.—Rev. Wm. H. Bolster supplied May, June. *Bethel, Second Church.*—"The Little Helpers" are aiding the Missionary work by selling the avails of their labor, and appropriating the same to the cause.—The Bethel Centennial Reform Club held a meeting Sabbath evening, March 12, in the Congregational Church, and added one hundred and nine names to the Temperance pledge. Whole number, three hundred and fifty-nine. *Norway.*—The meeting-house destroyed by fire, Dec. 19, 1875. It was discovered near the close of service, the thermometer at five degrees below zero. Over $3,000 has been subscribed for re-building, and the work is in progress. *Oxford.*—The church edifice has been newly carpeted, and furnished with a new pulpit, June, 1876. *South Paris.*—The pulpit has been supplied with a large Bible, the gift of Geo. A. Wilson, and the Ladies' Sewing Circle have furnished two marble top flower stands.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Andover, Eben Poor, p. t.; Bethel, 1st Ch., E. W. Barker; Bethel, 2d Ch., Rev. David Garland; Dixfield, D. S. Libbey; Gilead, Rev. Henry Farrar; Gorham, N. H., Rev. A. J. Benedict; Norway, 1st Ch., O. Perry; Norway, 2d Ch., T. G. Goodwin; Oxford, Silas P. Hall; Rumford, Rev. J. Elliot, p. t.; Shelburne, N. H., Mrs. Maria F. Gates; South Paris, Stephen Parsons; Sumner, I. T. Stetson; Turner, N. W. Adams; Upton, A. W. Strickland.

A. W. Valentine, of Bethel, *Scribe and Treasurer;* Dea. T. G. Goodwin, of Norway, *Reporter of Sabbath Schools.*

OXFORD ASSOCIATION formed in Norway, June 11, 1822. Second Tuesday in May, July, and September, are its times for meeting.

PENOBSCOT CONFERENCE.

Organized in Brownville, January 11, 1825.—Annual meeting, second Tuesday and Wednesday in June.—Semi-annual meeting, second Tuesday and Wednesday in January.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.—Enoch Pond, ordained March 1, 1815; Daniel Smith Talcott, Dec. 7, 1836; John Smith Sewall, April 20, 1859; William McLeod Barbour, Oct. 2, 1861; Levi Leonard Paine, Oct. 9, 1861, (Professors in the Theological Seminary, Bangor); L. Ives Hoadley, Oct. 15, 1823, Hampden; Levi G. Marsh, Oct. 3, 1855; John Kent Lincoln, Sept. 20, 1862; George N. Marden, Oct. 2, 1862; Ferdinand V. D. Garretson, Oct. 12, 1871, of Bangor.

LICENTIATES.—*Dedham,* G. L. Dickinson and J. St. John; *Kenduskeag,* J. G. Evans; *Oldtown,* G. H. Johnson.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING was held with the First Church, Brewer, January 11, 1876. Rev. J. Evarts Pond, of Hampden, *Moderator.* Conference sermon by Rev. George W. Field, of Bangor, (a former Pastor, 1853-6.) Text, Ecc. 7:10, "Say not then what is the cause that the former days were better than these." The discourse had special reference to the *seventy-fifth anniversary* of the church, with which the Conference met. It was the first organized in the County. Topics discussed: Is there a spiritual harvest awaiting us, and if so, how can we best gather it. What should be our methods of Christian effort for bringing out the church.

Revs. Stephen Thurston, from Waldo Conference; William Warren, from Cumberland: Amos Redlon, from Piscataquis; Bro. John H. Jarvis, of Hancock; and Rev. Crosby H. Wheeler, Missionary of the Am. Bd. C. F. M. to Turkey, were present, and took part in the exercises. Verbal reports of the churches were made by delegates. The ordinance of the Lord's Supper was administered by Revs. Professor John S. Sewall, of Bangor Seminary, and Wellington R. Cross, of Orono. The ladies held a Missionary meeting in the afternoon, with a view of forming in Brewer, an auxiliary to the Woman's Board of Missions.

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The FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING was held with the church in Orono, June 13, 14, 1876. Dea. Geo. A. Snow, of Brewer, *Moderator*. The session opened with a prayer-meeting, and each subsequent session was commenced in the same way. Sermon on Tuesday evening by Rev. Professor Wm. M. Barbour, of Bangor, 1 Cor. 1: 1, 2. The composition and design of a Christian church. Conference sermon on Wednesday P. M. by Rev. Professor John S. Sewall, of Bangor, John 18: 36. The aim of Christ's kingdom, and the privilege of membership in it. Topics for remarks: I. "Nearer my God to thee."—The devotional spirit. 1. What it is. 2. Its blessedness. 3. How best promoted in our churches; followed by prayer and remarks suggested by the discussion, and by the report of the churches, which had been read by the Scribe. A prayer of thanksgiving was offered for revivals enjoyed, and the large additions during the year. II. The Holy Spirit.—1. His personality and presence. 2. His work for the world, and in Christian hearts. 3. Prayers and remarks suggested by the discussion. The Question Box gave opportunity for practical suggestions. The Lord's Supper administered by Revs. John S. Sewall, and Richard W. Jenkins. Previous to this ordinance, the motherless child of the Pastor at Orono, was baptized by Professor Sewall.

JONATHAN EDWARDS, a graduate from Bangor Seminary, 1876, ordained Pastor of the church in East Orrington, June 15, 1876. Rev. Solomon P. Fay, of Bangor, *Moderator* of the Council; Rev. J. Evarts Pond, of Hampden, *Scribe*. Public services:—Selection by the choir; Reading the Scripture and Invocation, F. A. Valentine, of Holden; Hymn by the choir; Sermon, Rev. Professor Barbour, of Bangor Phil. 4: 13. The encouragments to the Christian minister, founded on his connection with Christ. Ordaining Prayer, by the Scribe; Charge, by the Moderator; Right-hand, by Rev. Richard W. Jenkins; Address to the people, by Dr. Pond: Hymn by choir and congregation; Benediction, by Pastor.

Rev. WELLINGTON R. CROSS, dismissed from pastorate at Orono, June 23, 1876. Accepts call to Camden. Prof. L. L. Paine, of Bangor, *Moderator* of Council; Rev. J. E. Pond, of Hampden, *Scribe*.

Bangor, First Church.—A Centennial praise-meeting, conducted by Professor Barbour, was held in March, at which Toplady's Hymns, from the Sabbath Hymn and Tune Book, written more than a hundred years ago, were sung, including the "Rock of Ages," which was first published a century ago this month. An account of the life and labors of the author was given.—Sixty-third Sabbath School Anniversary, Dec. 26, 1875. Address by Dr. C. Stone. *Hammond St. Church.*—The church edifice re-painted and frescoed. Re-opened October, 1875. The Pastor preached a discourse on public worship. From July to October, services were held in the vestry.—The forty-second Anniversary of the Sabbath School was held Dec. 11, 1875. Address by Rev. James H. Ecob, of Augusta. The "Little Rill" connected with it, is a flourishing mission circle.—Temperance praise-meetings were held Oct. 31 and Dec. 19, in which the Crusade and Reform Club united. *Central Church.* The twenty-eighth Anniversary of the Sabbath School, held Nov. 21, 1875. Address by Rev. William Forsyth, of Bucksport.—The vestry improved and renovated, Dec., 1875.—A Floral Society is organized to provide flowers for the pulpit. *Brewer, First Church.*—Church edifice repaired, Sept., 1875.—Anniversary of the Sabbath School, January 9, 1876. Address by Geo. H. Johnson. *Carmel.*—Only one member left, residing in the place. *Dedham.*—Geo. L. Dickinson supplied in summer of 1875. Rev. Fred. DeBos, remainder of the year. *Dixmont and Plymouth.*—Sabbath School Convention held October 5, 1875, at Simpson's Corner, Rev. A. N. Jones, *President*. Opening address by Rev. Smith Baker, of Lowell, Mass.; the second at East Dixmont, Jan. 4, 1876; the third at Plymouth, May 9, 10. *Hampden.*—The church receives an income from a bequest of Dea. Benjamin Crosby, for the support of the gospel. *Holden.*—Rev. Joseph R. Munsell, (Pastor 1839–52,) resigns at Franklin, Vt., May 1, 1876. *Kenduskeag.*—Rev. Robert Page (Pastor 1835–44,) died in West Farmington, O., Jan. 12, 1876. (See Necrology.) Rev. John G. Evans supplying at Kenduskeag in summer and fall of 1875.—Ordained Pastor in Kingston, Pa., September 19, 1875. *Oldtown.*—Rev. Ebenezer Douglass, (Pastor 1855–60,) has since Dec., 1874, been connected with the "Citizen," the religious paper of Minnesota, and the "Liberty Blade," a Temperance paper. He supplied for a time the Plymouth Church, Minneapolis.

WEST BANGOR CHAPEL.—The second Anniversary held April 9, 1876. Address by Rev. S. P. Fay. A preaching service has been sustained Sabbath afternoons during the year; Sabbath School following. Prayer-meetings, Sabbath and Friday evenings.

At NORTH BANGOR a service has been held during the year. A chapel has been built, which is soon to be completed.

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At EAST BANGOR and ESSEX STREET, BANGOR, services are held,—the former supplied by J. H. Hoffman, and the latter by David L. Williams.

NECROLOGY.—Mrs. Clara P. Warren, wife of Dea. Nahum Warren, Veazie, died in Lowell, Mass., Sept. 22, 1875, æt 62.—Mrs. Sarah Crosby, widow of Dea. Benjamin Crosby, in Hampden, Sept. 24, æt 80.—Mrs. Olive Walker, wife of Rev. W. R. Cross, in Orono, Sept. 27, (Ch. Mir., Dec. 18.)—Mrs. Abigail Guild, widow of Rev. John H. Ingraham, (Pastor in Thomaston, 1817-29,) in Bangor, Nov. 26, æt 84.—Mrs. Susan A., wife of Dea. Joseph S. Wheelwright, in Bangor, Dec. 6, æt 56. (Ob. Ch. Mir., Dec. 18.)

Attendance upon public worship in Bangor, Feb. 13, 1876, a pleasant day, by actual count, was five thousand five hundred and sixteen, (of these were two thousand one hundred and fifty in Roman Catholic churches.) Largest attendance during the year, six thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven. Average, four thousand eight hundred and sixty.

The second anniversary of the Woman's Crusade, of Bangor, held April 2, in Norombega Hall. This with the Reform Club, Temperance League, Temperance Union, and other organizations, have continued steadfast in their work, with gradual and constant success.

Sixth Report of the Bangor Auxiliary Board of Missions, is published in the Ch. Mirror, June 3. Meetings are held on second Wednesday in each month. Mrs. Wheeler, of the Harpoot Mission, has been present several times. A Union meeting was held Sabbath afternoon, Feb. 20, 1876, in Hammond St. Church, addressed by Mrs. Wheeler, on the mission work in Turkey. Miss Park, at the First Church, gave an account of her visit to the Micronesian Islands.

The Branch of the Woman's Board in Hampden meet regularly, and contribute to the funds.

The first paper published in Penobscot County, was issued by Peter Edes, at Bangor, in 1815;—The "Weekly Register." It had a few ecclesiastical notices.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Bangor, 1st Ch., William P. Hubbard; Bangor, Hammond St. Ch., Dea. E. F. Duren; Bangor, Central Ch., Henry S. Brown; Brewer, 1st Ch., C. O. Farrington; Brewer Village, Daniel Sargent, 2d; Carmel, S. Chamberlain; Dedham, Benj. P. Todd; Dixmont and Plymouth, Josiah Parsons, Plymouth; Hampden, Augustus Alden; Holden, George C. Wiswall; Kenduskeag, Orren R. Barrows; Oldtown, C. A. Bailey; Orono, Dea. Joseph Greaves; East Orrington, Warren Ware; Upper Stillwater, Oliver A. Waterhouse; Veazie, Dea. Nahum Warren.

William G. Duren, of Bangor, *Scribe of Conference;* Dea. E. F. Duren, of Bangor, *Treasurer.*

PENOBSCOT ASSOCIATION formed at Bangor, August 8, 1832. Annual meeting on Tuesday, preceding the third Wednesday in December,—other meetings by adjournment. Met in Bangor, at Seminary Reading Room, several times during the year. Rev. L. L. Paine, *Moderator;* Rev. S. P. Fay, *Scribe.*

PISCATAQUIS CONFERENCE.

Organized in Foxcroft, Sept. 20, 1842.—Annual meeting, Tuesday and Wednesday preceding the meeting of General Conference.—Semi-annual meeting, third Tuesday in October.

WITHOUT CHARGE.—Rev. Amasa Loring, Foxcroft, ordained Jan. 15, 1842.

LICENTIATES.—*Dexter.* E. J. Burgess, and J. S. Richards.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING with the church in Dexter, Oct. 19-21, 1875. Rev. Peter B. Thayer, *Moderator, pro tem,* on Tuesday. Rev. Charles Davison, *Moderator,* elected Wednesday. Opening sermon, Rev. Herbert A. Loring, of Foxcroft, 2 Cor. 5: 20. "Ambassadors of Christ." Conference sermon, by Rev. Amasa Redlon, of Abbot, Matt. 5: 8. "Blessed are the pure in heart." Subjects for remark: Individual responsibility; What is the New Testament standard of piety, and in what respects do

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Christians of the present day fall short of this standard; Are there just now any hopeful indications in the expectations of God's people, of a general revival of religion; and what shall we do in order that these expectations may be realized. Verbal reports of the churches were given. Rev. Wm. S. Sewall, of St. Albans, reported from Somerset Conference. Rev. Messrs. Whitcomb, of Dover, and Bradeen, of Dexter, from the Free Baptist Quarterly Meeting, and Hancock, of Dexter, from the Methodist Quarterly Meeting, were present. Delegates were chosen by the Conference to reciprocate the greetings of these bodies. Lord's Supper administered by Revs. Wm. S. Sewall, and Herbert A. Loring.

(On Tuesday evening, Conference adjourned to next day, to attend a Temperance meeting, at the Town Hall, where an address was delivered by Mrs. Mason, who is with great zeal helping push forward the crusade against intemperance.)

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING with the church in Greenville, June 20, 21, 1876.

Rev. Charles Davison, *Moderator;* Rev. P. B. Thayer, *Assistant Moderator.*

The church in Abbot Village, organized Nov. 23, 1875, was received to the Conference.

Conference Sermons by Rev. Charles L. Nichols, of Brownville, Luke 8: 35. "Clothed and in his right mind;" and Rev. Peter B. Thayer, of Garland, 1 John 4:16, The love of God. Topics for remark:—The Holy Spirit; its influence on human hearts; how to secure its influence; how to work with the spirit; Consecration; Early Piety.

The communion service was observed, administered by Revs. Amasa Loring, of Foxcroft, and Chas. L. Nichols, of Brownville.

A meeting of the County Auxiliary Woman's Board of Missions was held,—Mrs. Laura J. Davison, of Greenville, presiding.

CHURCH ORGANIZED.—A council met in Abbot Village, November 23, 1875, and organized a church in that place, of twelve members. Rev. Amory H. Tyler was *Moderator;* Rev. Rufus W. Emerson, *Scribe.* The Moderator gave the right-hand of fellowship; Prayer of consecration by the Scribe; Addresses to the church, by Revs. Herbert A. Loring, Tyler, and Emerson.

The members of the church in Abbot, formed Feb. 2, 1841, that remain, are included in the above.

A church edifice is in process of building, in aid of which the people have been assisted by churches and individuals both in and out of the State. $1,500 has been paid by Abbot, and $1,200 outside. The church in Lowell, Mass., provide a pulpit, chairs, and table, a communion service, and Bible. The church in Spencer, Mass., give $50. *Brownville.*—Miss Eliza G. Jenks died June 13, 1876, æt 65. *Dexter.*—Edmund J. Burgess supplied in the absence of Rev. T. M. Davies, July, 1875. Mr. D. returned from Wales, and was called to Rockport, October, 1875.—J. S. Richards has supplied from March, 1876. *Dover.*—Sabbath School Convention, Oct. 26, 1875. *Foxcroft.*—Chapel dedicated, Dec. 15, 1875. Invocation, Rev. S. C. Whitcomb; Anthem; Reading the Scriptures, Rev. John H. Gurney, former Pastor; Historical Sketch, Rev. Herbert A. Loring, Pastor; Dedicatory Anthem; Sermon, Rev. George W. Field; Dedicatory Prayer, by the Pastor. In the evening, a praise-meeting was held; Sermon by Rev. John H. Gurney, of Dorchester, Mass. The chapel cost $4,000. It is used for the Sabbath School, prayer-meetings, and social gatherings, and furnished with modern conveniences.—An improvement in the main body of the house is in progress, May, 1876.—A Temperance reform kept pace with the religious interest prevailing in spring and summer, 1876. There was special religious interest from the last of September.—Sabbath School Convention, Aug. 17, 18, 1875.

Piscataquis Bible Society reorganized, June, 1876, Rev. Chas. L. Nichols, of Brownville, *President;* M. W. Hall, Dover, *Depositary;* Rev. Amasa Loring, *Colporteur and Agent.*

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Abbot and Guilford, Daniel R. Straw, jr., of Guilford; Atkinson, R. B. Gould; Blanchard, Daniel Blanchard; Brownville, E. W. Stickney; Dexter, Dea. J. W. Barron; Foxcroft and Dover, C. H. B. Woodbury, of Dover; Garland, Rev. P. B. Thayer; Greenville, Rev. Chas. Davison; Monson, Gustavus B. Hiscock; Sangerville, Dea. Joseph Fowler; Abbot Village, Rev. Amos Redlon.

Rev. Rufus W. Emerson, of Monson, *Scribe of Conference;* C. H. B. Woodbury, of Dover, *Treasurer.*

Next meeting in Abbot Village, October 17, 18, 1876.

PISCATAQUIS ASSOCIATION, formed at Monson, January 25, 1841. Annual meeting, third Tuesday in February; other meetings quarterly. Rev. Charles Davison, of Greenville, *Scribe.* Met with Rev. H. A. Loring, Dover, Dec. 22, 1875; with Rev. C. L. Nichols, Brownville, May 2, 1876.

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SOMERSET CONFERENCE.

Organized in Norridgewock, Oct. 1, 1823.—Annual meeting, Tuesday preceding second Wednesday in June.—Semi-annual meeting, no regular day, usually in Oct.

WITHOUT CHARGE.—Rev. George W. Hathaway, Skowhegan, ordained March 20, 1833.

LICENTIATES.—*Bingham*, E. B. Chase; *East Madison*, R. Peacock; *Mercer*, J. F. D. Shurtz; John Hemmenway, Brighton, *Agent of the American Peace Society.*

The FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING was held with the church in Norridgewock, June 13, 14, 1876. Rev. Thomas G. Mitchell, of Madison, *Moderator*. Opening sermon by Rev. Webster Woodbury, of Skowhegan, John 13: 24. Christ's life, a continued death to self and the world. Conference sermon, Rev. Wm. S. Sewall, of St. Albans, 1 Peter 2: 7. The gift of the Saviour, a pledge of the free gift of all good things. Topics discussed: 1. Relations of the Bible to the life, purity, and efficiency of the church. 2. To the development of youthful piety. 3. To youthful salvation, or the begetting of youthful piety at the outset. 4. Is the gospel making all the head-way among the young of this County, that might be reasonably expected? 5. Reasons for their becoming Christians:—(1.) From the needs of the church and country. (2.) From the claims of their God and Saviour. (3.) From the claims of their own souls. 6. How can the church make more impression on the community? 7. How, with all our cares and distractions, can we maintain an every-day religion, and what is to be its character? 8. Have we any reason at this Conference, for new confidence in the power of prayer?

The Conference unanimously adopted the following resolutions:

Whereas, it is believed that Christian growth can best be attained by union with the church in whose keeping one by Providence is placed, and deeming it the duty of each church to carefully look after the spiritual welfare of all its members, be it therefore

Resolved, That this Conference most earnestly recommends that each Congregational church in the County, through its pastor, or in absence of pastor,—its clerk, correspond with all its members who have taken up residence elsewhere, advising them to remove their church relations to their present home.

Resolved, That the Scribe provide each of the churches of this Conference with a copy of the above.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by the Moderator and Rev. W. Woodbury. The meetings were of deep interest, and were spoken of as being the most interesting and beneficial that this Conference had held for a long time. The churches in general, report great additions in numbers and strength—the effect of the late revivals; but as most of the additions were made at the May communion, they are not recorded in the statistical report.

The Island avenue vestry, Skowhegan, dedicated Dec. 22, 1875; cost $1,200. New pulpit furniture provided for the church edifice.

Rev. George W. Hathaway spent the winter in Assonet, Mass.

A meeting of Reform Clubs from various towns, held in Skowhegan, on Fast Day, April 20.

Incidents of Revivals in Madison, 1826; Fairfield and Solon, in 1827, in Ch. Mirror, Nov. 6, 1875.

CLERKS OF CHURCHES.—Anson, Arthur Dinsmore; Athens, Dr. W. B. Leavitt; Bingham, Dea. Nathan Baker; Madison, Dr. C. D. Morrill; Madison, East, Mark Hobart; Mercer, Albert J. Downs; New Portland, North, Dr. W. H. Stevens; Norridgewock, H. N. Page; Skowhegan, Hon. James Bell; Solon, Dr. Mortimer Bodwell; South Solon, Calvin Jewett; St. Albans, Nathaniel Merrill.

Clinton A. Woodbury, of Skowhegan, *Scribe of Conference;* Rev. Benjamin Tappan, *Treasurer.*

Next meeting in Skowhegan, to be either an annual or a semi-annual meeting, at the option of the committee of arrangements.

SOMERSET AND FRANKLIN ASSOCIATION formed at Strong, May 4, 1853. Somerset Association united with Franklin, was formed July 10, 1844; these are now merged in the Kennebec and Somerset Association, formed at Waterville, April 23, 1867. Meets fourth Tuesday of January, April, and October, and second Monday in July. Rev. John Dinsmore, of Winslow, *Scribe.*

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UNION CONFERENCE.

Organized in South Bridgton, June 14, 1836.—Annual meeting, Tuesday preceding second Wednesday in June (two days.)—Semi-annual meeting, last Tuesday in October (two days.)

LICENTIATES.—*Albany*, E. P. Chittenden; *Denmark*, F. R. Waite; *Sweden*, F. E. Sherman.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING with the church in North Waterford, Oct. 26, 27, 1875. Opening sermon, Rev. N. Lincoln, of North Bridgton, 1 Thess. 4: 3. "This is the will of God, even your sanctification." Conference sermon, Rev. Stephen Thurston, of Waldo Conference, 1 Thess. 1: 5. The gospel, in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance. Subjects for discussion:—1. Church work; how shall the lay element be utilized. 2. Our youth; how shall they be brought to Christ. Dr. Lindley, a returned missionary from Africa, addressed the Conference in relation to his work in that country. Dr. Thurston presented the claims of the Maine Missionary Society. The communion service was administered by Rev. Drs. Lindley and William Warren.

"The attendance was good; the discussions interesting and practical; the devotional excercises spiritual and quickening; and the whole character and spirit of the meetings, calculated to awaken a new interest and zeal in the service of the Master."

FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING with the church in Lovell Center, June 13, 14, 1876. Sermon by Rev. Henry H. Osgood, of Naples, 2 Timo. 4: 2. "Preach the word," etc. Conference sermon, Rev. John W. Brownville, of South Bridgton, Rom. 12: 12. "Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer." Topics for remark:—1. The Sabbath; its aim and object. 2. The church; its relation to the country, and our duty as citizens. A resolution was adopted, approving and sustaining the action of the Centennial Commission, in closing the exhibition on the Lord's day. Most of the churches report additions by profession, during the year. The ordinance of the Lord's Supper was administered by Revs. H. H. Osgood, and N. Lincoln. "The exercises were interesting and profitable."

HENRY HARRISON OSGOOD, ordained to the work of the gospel ministry in Naples, Sept. 3, 1875. Rev. Albert Cole, of Cornish, *Moderator* of the Council; Rev. Baman N. Stone, of Fryeburg, *Scribe*. Services:—Sentence by the choir, "Lead me O God;" Invocation, Rev. John Pinkham, Free Baptist; Reading of the Scriptures, Rev. James P. Stinchfield, of Lovell; Hymn; Prayer, Rev. Alvah Hatch, (Meth.,) of Naples; Hymn; Sermon, by the Moderator, 1 Tim. 3: 1. "If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work;" Ordaining Prayer, Rev. Andrew J. Smith, of Waterford; Charge, Rev. Edward R. Osgood, of West Brooksville; Right-hand, Rev. Reuben D. Osgood, of Limington, (brothers of the candidate); Anthem, "I have set watchmen;" Benediction, Rev. H. H. Osgood.

Mr. Osgood has supplied the church in Naples, from Nov. 29, 1874.

Rev. HENRY CARPENTER, (Oxford University, ordained Chaplain, 1864,) accepts a call to Bridgton for a year, May, 1876. Rev. JOHN T. REA, who has been Acting-Pastor from Feb. 1, 1873, having resigned, March, 1876, and removed to Boston, Mass.

Albany.—Frank McConaughy, from Yale Seminary, supplied four months. *Bridgton*.—Mrs. C. E. Gibbs died August 7, 1875. *Denmark*.—Rev. John W. Brownville, of South Bridgton, supplies a part of each Sabbath. It is proposed to build a meeting-house, May, 1876. *Fryeburg*.—Union prayer-meetings, of the churches, held with good results during the winter. *Hiram*.—Rev. W. K. Dennis, of London, is spending his vacation in Maine. He preached in Hiram and Cornish.—A Reform Club composed of men who have never been identified with the Temperance cause has been formed. One hundred members, January, 1876. *Lovell*.—The church edifice has been repaired. *Otisfield*.—Supplied by George H. Dunlap, from Bangor Seminary, from June, 1876. *Stow and Chatham*.—J. H. Leavitt, a layman, conducts the meetings of the church, in the absence of a minister. He was licensed by Union Association, Oct. 25, 1875. Revs. J. D. Emerson, of Biddeford, and Geo. P. Blanchard, of Saco, preached four Sabbaths each during their vacation. *Waterford*.—During the temporary illness of Rev. A. J. Smith, his pulpit was supplied by the ministers of Bridgton and neighborhood. *North Waterford*.—Rev. Edmund C. Sherburne resigns his charge, May, 1876.

CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARIES.—The one hundredth anniversary of the organization of the church in Fryeburg, was held August 21, 22, 1875. Opening exercises: Invocation, Rev. B. N. Stone, Pastor; Hymn, read by Rev. C. H. Zimmerman, of the Methodist Church; Reading the Scriptures, Rev. S. G. Norcross, of North Conway;

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Reading of Historical Records and Narratives by Hon. G. B. Barrows and Rev. B. N. Stone, of Fryeburg, Rev. David B. Sewall, former Pastor, and others. P. M.—Historical Address, by Rev. William Clark, of Amherst, N. H.; followed by Rev. Samuel C. Fessenden, of Stamford, Conn., a grandson of the first Pastor, Rev. William Fessenden; Rev. C. D. Barrows, of Lowell, Mass.; and Rev. William Warren, of Gorham. An original hymn by Jennie Sewall, daughter of a former Pastor, was read. In the evening there was a social gathering, addresses by Rev. A. P. Stone, superintendent of Schools, Springfield, Mass., Dr. Warren, and Rev. Henry Carpenter, of England.

August 22, Sabbath A. M.—A Discourse, by Rev. Samuel C. Fessenden, Luke 7: 5. Theme, Religion and Education, the foundation of a country's prosperity. The ordinance of the Lord's Supper was observed. Prayers and remarks by Revs. M. M. G. Dana, of Norwich. Conn., William Clark, of N. H., and the Pastor, B. N. Stone. The communion service was that first used by the church. A hymn was sung, written by Mrs. R. P. Reed, of Chelsea, Mass., grand-daughter of the first Pastor. In the evening a praise-meeting was held, conducted by Rev. C. D. Barrows, of Lowell, Mass. The hymns sung were from Hitchcock, Eddy & Schaff's book, recently introduced. Remarks by Revs. E. P. Wilson, of Watertown, Mass., Dana, Barrows, and Stone.

The interior of the church edifice was tastefully decorated with flowers and evergreens. The motto, "Blessed be the God of our fathers," was on the wall; and tablets, bearing the names of the Pastors, and dates of their pastorates. Reported Ch. Mirror, August 31, 1875.

The Centennial anniversary of the settlement of Waterford, was observed Sept. 1, 1875. President of the day, A. S. Kimball, Esq. Historical Address by H. T. Warren, Esq., of Dover, N. H. After the dinner, which was served under a tent in a grove, toasts and speeches occupied the remainder of the day. Rev. Wm. Warren, of Gorham, referred to the fathers and mothers of Waterford; Rev. Cyrus Hamlin, of Constantinople, to the sons now resident in other countries; Rev. Dr. Perry to the clergy; Rev. John A. Douglass, the venerable senior pastor, adding a few words; Dr. Thomas H. Gage, of Worcester, Mass., to the medical profession; Albert Barker, Esq., of Colebrook, N. H., to the legal fraternity; Rev. David Garland, of Bethel, to the American flag, and those who fought under it; Dr. N. T. True, of Bethel, to the professional farmers; Dr. Gage and H. P. Warren, recited each a poem. The church in Waterford has had but three Pastors. Rev. Lincoln Ripley was ordained in 1798, his salary being between $200 and $300 per year, payable in any kind of produce, at the market rates. Mr. Ripley died, and Rev. John A. Douglass, the present Pastor, was ordained Nov. 7, 1821. Rev. Andrew J. Smith, colleague Pastor, with Mr. D. since 1873, was chaplain of the Centennial anniversary. Reported, Ch. Mirror, September 14.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Albany, Dea. J. H. Lovejoy; Bridgton, J. H. Caswell; Bridgton, North, Oliver Barnard; Bridgton, South, J. P. Kimball; Brownfield, Cyrus Wentworth; Casco, Joseph Moors; Denmark, Dea. Wm. F. Davis; Fryeburg, George B. Barrows; Harrison, Howard L. Sampson; Hiram, Peleg Wadsworth; Lovell, Joseph F. Stearns; Naples, Dea. Wm. Chute; Otisfield, Dea. Silas Morton, East Otisfield; Stow and Chatham, Mrs. W. D. Jewell, Chatham, N. H.; Sweden. Humphrey Saunders; Waterford, Rev. John A. Douglass; Waterford, North, Samuel H. Warren.

Rev. Nehemiah Lincoln, of North Bridgton, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference.*

UNION ASSOCIATION, formed in South Bridgton, Jan. 1, 1834. Meets the first Tuesday in March and September, and second Thursday in December. Rev. Andrew J. Smith, of Waterford, *Scribe.*

WALDO CONFERENCE.

Organized in Searsport, June 14, 1848.—Annual meeting, second Tuesday and Wednesday in June.—Semi-annual meeting, first Tuesday and Wednesday in Oct.

Rev. Stephen Thurston, Searsport, ordained Aug. 9, 1826. Rev. Wooster Parker, Belfast, ordained Sept. 29, 1832. Rev. Edward F. Cutter, Belfast, ordained May 8, 1833. Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, Searsport, Secretary Maine Missionary Society, ordained October 19, 1859. Thomas E. Brastow, Rockport, ordained Oct. 11, 1865.

LICENTIATES.—Alfred J. McGown, Freedom, from June, 1876; Albert F. Newton, and Lewis J. Thomas, Frankfort.

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SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING with the First Church in Searsport, October 19, 20, 1875. Sermons, Revs. Gustavus W. Jones, of Winterport, Prov. 8: 38; and Benjamin B. Merrill, of Sandy Point. Themes discussed:—How shall we utilize the forces of the church; Systematic benevolence, how best promoted; Is it wise for the churches to employ evangelists? The responsibility of parents regarding the Sabbath School; How can the truths of the Bible be made effective; The importance of sustaining the Christian Mirror. The services of the Conference were interspersed with frequent prayer and song. The Lord's Supper was observed as the closing service. Revs. E. F. Cutter and A. N. Jones, officiating.

"The meetings were all interesting and profitable."

The TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING was held with the church in Frankfort, June 13, 14, 1876. Rev. John A. Ross, of Belfast, *Moderator*. Sermon by the Moderator, 1 Cor. 12: 4. Theme—Gifts in the church. Conference sermon by Rev. J. E. Adams, of Searsport, Luke 17: 17-19. The cleansing of the lepers. Topics for remark:—1. Positive Christian character, what will secure it? 2. Revivals, how best promoted? 3. Difficulties of inquirers, how to be treated. 4. How best to raise the means for supporting the gospel. 5. The Sabbath School, its needs and supports. 6. The relation of the church to Temperance. In the report of the churches, it was stated that seven churches of the twelve, had been visited with revivals. At the closing service, five were added to the church in Frankfort, on profession of their faith. This church has received seventeen within the year;—more than all who have been received since its organization, twenty-five years ago. The Lord's Supper was administered by Revs. A. N. Jones, of Jackson, and the Moderator.

GUSTAVUS WARREN JONES, (Bangor Seminary, 1873,) ordained Pastor of the church in Winterport, Nov. 9, 1875. Rev. Stephen Thurston, of Searsport, *Moderator;* Rev. John A. Ross, of Belfast, *Scribe*. Introductory service Rev. J. Evarts Pond, of Hampden; Sermon, Rev. Professor Barbour, of Bangor, Matt. 2: 1-12. Lessons to the church, from the advent of the Saviour. Installing Prayer, by the Moderator; Charge, Rev. J. E. Adams, of Searsport; Right-hand, Rev. Albert N. Jones, of Jackson, (brother of the new Pastor;) Address to the people, by the Scribe; Prayer, Rev. Benjamin B. Merrill, of Sandy Point; Benediction, by the Pastor. The singing was in charge of Mr. Geo. S. Silsby, of Winterport.

Rev. THOMAS MATHEW DAVIES, Acting-Pastor at Rockport, from October, 1875.

Rev. WELLINGTON R. CROSS accepts call to Camden, May, 1876.

Rev. EDWARD F. CUTTER, has resided in California the past year, (at San Jose, June, 1876.)

Rev. EBENEZER BEAN closed his labors in Camden, Jan. 1, 1876, and has accepted a call to Fort Fairfield.

Rev. ALBION H. JOHNSON closed labors at Rockport, Sept. 12, 1875, and returned to Augusta. Accepts a call to South Braintree, Mass., December, 1875.

Rev. BENJAMIN B. MERRILL closed his labors at Sandy Point, and Second Church, Searsport, June, 1876. Supplies First Church, Searsport, from Aug. 27, 1876.

Rev. JONATHAN E. ADAMS resigned the pastorate of the First Church, Searsport, July, 1876.

Belfast.—The cause of Temperance is flourishing—more than five hundred names were enrolled in the Reform Club, March, 1876. *North Belfast.*—Rev. John A. Ross, of Belfast, preaches on Sabbath afternoons during the summer and autumn months. *Camden.*—Rev. T. M. Davies, of Rockport, supplied part of each Sabbath during the winter. *Frankfort.*—Albert F. Newton, of Andover Seminary, supplied during his vacation in the autumn.—Osgood W. Rogers, of Bangor Seminary, continued the supply for a few months following. *Rockport.*—The chapel has been frescoed and newly painted.

The SEMI-CENTENNIAL of the residence of Rev. Stephen Thurston in Searsport, was observed by his friends, Sept. 1, 1875. For thirty-nine years he was Pastor of the church, and the last eleven years, Secretary of the Maine Missionary Society. Four hundred and eighteen were added to the church during his ministry. Public services were held at 2 P. M. in the church-edifice, decorated with evergreen and flowers. The dates, 1825, 1875, were on each side of his name; the first in white, expressing the spring-time; the second in colored leaves, representing autumn; a crown and wreaths, spoke of the reward. On the wall, at the left of the pulpit, was

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the passage from Romans 1: 16. "The gospel of Christ, the power of salvation." At the right, Matt. 20: 26, "Whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister." Public exercises:—Hymn, "How beauteous are their feet;" Prayer, Rev. Wooster Parker, of Belfast; Hymn; Address, by Rev. Stephen Thurston; Letter from S. P. Fay, of Bangor; Remarks by Rev. E. F. Cutter, of Belfast; Rev. Wm. T. Jewell, of the Methodist Church; Rev. B. B. Merrill, of Sandy Point; Rev. J. A. Hewes, and Mr. Dix. At five o'clock, a collation was served in Union Hall. After an introductory by Rev. W. Parker, prayer was offered by Rev. E. F. Cutter; subsequently remarks were made by Deas. Wm. Thurston, of Newburyport, Mass., I. N. Harriman, Esq., Dea. Baker, and Rev. J. E. Adams, of Searsport, Rev. W. T. Jewell, Rev. J. A. Ross, and J. Perry, of Belfast, and Rev. B. B. Merrill. Music by the Searsport Band. $172 was given by friends to re-furnish his study as an attractive resting-place.

The annual meeting of the Waldo County Bible Society was held in Belfast, Oct. 3, 1875. Addresses by Revs. J. T. Bixby, J. A. Ross, and S. Goodenough. A colporteur canvassed six towns in the County during the summer.

The annual meeting of the Maine Sabbath School State Convention, was held in Belfast June 24–26, 1876.

Rev. Stephen Thurston, Secretary of the Maine Missionary Society, was Moderator of a meeting of the Secretaries of the several State Societies, held in Concord, N. H., December 22, 1875.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Belfast, 1st Ch., B. P. Field; Belfast, North, Joshua Towle, p. t.; Camden, A. D. Mansfield; Frankfort, Upton Treat; Freedom, R. Elder; Jackson and Brooks, Rev. Albert N. Jones, Jackson; Rockport, N. T. Talbot; Sandy Point, J. B. French; Searsport, 1st Ch., Rev. J. E. Adams; Searsport, 2d Ch., J. L. Park; Unity, Ephraim Murch; Winterport, John Campbell.

Rev. Albert N. Jones, of Jackson, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference.* Next meeting in Rockport, Oct. 3, 4, 1876.

WALDO ASSOCIATION, formed in Belfast, Nov. 10, 1830. Annual meeting in August. Assembles three times in addition, during the year. Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Searsport, *Scribe.* Met at Belfast, July, 1875.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

Organized in Eastport, Feb. 18, 1829.—Annual Meeting, second Tuesday and Wednesday in June.—Semi-annual Meeting, Tuesday and Wednesday—full moon—in October.

LICENTIATES.—*Eastport*, Clarence A. Beckwith; *Jonesport*, L. S. Hastings and A. F. Newton; *Northfield, Robbinston, and Red Brook*, T. W. Walters; *Northfield*, W. Denley; *Princeton*, C. Finster; *Robbinston*, J. St. John; *Topsfield*, Charles E. Fitz; *Whiting*, C. W. Bennen; *Whitneyville and Northfield*, H. A. Freeman, and D. T. Williams.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING with the church in Whitneyville, October 12, 13, 1875. Dea. Thomas Lincoln, of Perry, *Moderator, pro tem.*, Tuesday. Dea. P. E. Vose, of Dennysville, *Moderator*, Wednesday. Opening Sermon by Rev. George W. Kelley, of East Machias. Topics for discussion:—1. The Christian Sabbath, its importance, claims, and duties. 2. The present need of our churches—of consecration, of prayer, and of Christian work. On Tuesday evening, a Sabbath School meeting was held. Themes:—1. Who shall attend and why? 2. How shall they be made more efficient. Conference adopted resolutions in memory of Rev. Gilman Bacheller, Messrs. Eastman, Perkins, Dea. Peter Talbot, and other members of Conference, who have died since the last meeting. A collection of $52 was taken up in behalf of the church in Whitneyville, who owe a small debt on their meeting-house. On Wednesday forenoon, a meeting was held at Mr. Nathan Bacheller's house, of those who are interested in the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions. An auxiliary of the Maine Branch is organized in Machias. Conference sermon by Rev. B. B. Bryne, of Machias. The Lord's Supper was administered by Revs. Stephen L. Bowler, of Machias, and George W. Kelley, of East Machias.

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FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING at Jonesport, June 12, 13, 1876. Rev. Stephen L. Bowler, of Machias, *Moderator*. Sermons, Revs. Geo. W. Kelley, of East Machias, Ps. 72: 17; and by the Moderator, Ps. 60: 4. The God-given Banner. Subjects for remarks:—Family religion; How to make the best use of the Bible; How to make the best use of prayer; Our mission work in the neighborhood—how to do it, and who should engage in it; Our mission work abroad, was the subject of a lecture with pictorial illustrations, by Rev. George W. Kelley. Topics placed in the "Question Box" were answered by Rev. S. L. Bowler. On Tuesday evening, a Sabbath School meeting was held. Topics:—What the teachers preparation should be; How pupils should prepare their lessons; followed by a children's praise-meeting.

On Wednesday morning from eight to nine o'clock, a meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society was held at the house of Mrs. D. J. Sawyer. The services of Conference closed by the observance of the ordinance of the Lord's Supper. Revs. Chas. Whittier and Geo. W. Kelley officiating. Thirty church members reside at Jonesport, and form a branch of the church at Machias.

Rev. WILLIAM CARRUTHERS, dismissed from the church in Calais, November 10, 1875. Rev. Charles Whittier, of Dennysville, *Moderator* of the Council; Rev. John J. Blair, of Milltown, *Scribe*. Farewell sermon, Nov. 14. Installed Pastor of South Church, Pittsfield, Mass., Jan. 13, 1876. Sermon by Rev. John E. Todd.

Rev. JOHN J. BLAIR closed his labors in Milltown, June 12, 1876.

Rev. CHARLES GARDINER MCCULLY, of Hallowell, called to Calais, November, 1875. He commenced his labors, January, 1876. Rev. Henry V. Emmons, of Hallowell, supplied a few Sabbaths previous. Rev. Seth H. Keeler, a former Pastor, removed from New Hampshire, to Somerville, Mass. Rev. Chas. G. McCully gave the charge at the ordination of Mr. Chas. B. Woodcock, in St. John, N. B., May, 1876.

The church in Alexander, organized in 1854, has only three members left. One of them, the clerk of the church, aged eighty-one, and his wife ninety, and a daughter. The members, including young men, have removed from the place, and those remaining, unite in the support of the Methodist church, and have built a neat church edifice.

The Center St. Church, Machias, have published a Church Manual, 30 pp., 18 mo., July, 1876.

Rev. S. L. Bowler, of Machias, supplied the pulpit at East Machias, during a temporary absence of Rev. G. W. Kelley.

There was considerable religious interest in the spring, at "Little Kennebec," a district in Machias.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Alexander, Dea. Isaac P. Crafts; Calais, A. L. Clapp; Cherryfield, Jeremiah O. Nickels; Cooper, Mrs. A. C. Sawyer; Dennysville, Dea. Peter E. Vose; Eastport, Dea. G. A. Peabody; Machias, Dea. Warren Hill; Machias, East, Samuel B. Harris; Machiasport, J. F. Sanborne; Marshfield, Miss Melissa L. Hanscom; Northfield, George W. Smith; Pembroke, Cushing Wilder; Perry, Chas. S. Davis; Princeton, Dea. Leonard Peabody; Robbinston, Rufus Gates; Milltown, N. B., S. H. Hitchings; Topsfield, Mrs. L. Crabtree; Whiting, Mrs. Cornelia A. Chase; Whitneyville, Dea. N. Bacheller.

Dea. C. F. Stone, of Machias, *Scribe of Conference;* Dea. Geo. A. Peabody, of Eastport, *Treasurer*.

YORK CONFERENCE.

Organized in Buxton, October 1, 1822.—Annual meeting, first Tuesday in June.—Semi-annual meeting second Tuesday in October.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.—Rev. Calvin Chapman, Kennebunkport, ordained December 8, 1842; Rev. John D. Emerson, Biddeford, ordained Oct. 1, 1858; Rev. John Parsons, Kennebunk, ordained May 14, 1857; Rev. William Pierce, West Buxton, ordained August 7, 1836.

LICENTIATES.—*Biddeford* 1*st*, G. S. Thrall and R. Wright; *Limerick*, J. Sewall; *Sanford*, L. F. Berry.

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SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING held with the church in Saco, October 12, 13, 1875. Dea. Samuel L. Boynton, of Biddeford, *Moderator*. Sermons by Rev. George W. Christie, of Kittery, Acts iii. 6. Unconscious influence. Rev. Jotham Sewall, of Limerick, Matt. xi. 3. "Art thou he that should come?" Rev. John R. Chalmers (and before the York Association), Hebrew xiii. 12. "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate." Topics for remarks:—What is the mission of the church; Latent powers of the church, how developed; Is the prayer-meeting vital to the interests of the church; Duty of the church toward members who rarely attend the social meetings; Woman's work in the prayer-room; How to increase Christian fellowship; essential requisites for admission to the church; who are to be invited to the Lord's Table; has a church the right ever to drop the name of a member from its roll, if so, when? Means of quickening in spiritual life; Duty of the church to temperance, and other moral reforms; Relation of the Sabbath School to the church. The Lord's Supper observed Tuesday evening. Twenty churches were represented, and eighteen pastors were present. The Conference recommended to the churches, the appointment of a committee of five in each church, to superintend the temperance work in the parish. Buxton was the first to respond.

FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING with the South Church, Kennebunk-port, June 12, 13, 1876. Dea. S. L. Boynton, *Moderator*. Sermons by Rev. George P. Blanchard, of Saco, Acts xiv. 7. "There they preached the gospel." Rev. Charles N. Sinnett, of Lebanon, 2 Cor. viii. 9. The love of Christ in becoming poor, that we might be made rich. Topics discussed:—1. What constitutes a church of Christ? 2. When did the church begin? 3. Is the Congregational church polity the best? Is any change needed? 4. The duty of Christians to unite with the church. 5. The advantages of church membership. 6. The effects in church life of clannishness. 7. How render more vigorous our country churches. 8. How to make the Sabbath-school a nursery to the church. 9. How to reach non-church goers. 10. The duty of attending and taking part in social meetings. The Lord's Supper was administered.

This Conference, the oldest in the State, met with a church organized in 1730; the first preacher in the town was John Eveleth, 1719 to 1729, a graduate of Harvard University in 1689. Thomas Prentice was ordained Pastor, on the same day the church was organized. Rev. John D. Emerson read a history of this church, which is reported in Portland Press, June 16, and Christian Mirror, June 24. The History of York Conference, comprising a Report of its Semi-Centennial in Buxton, June 4, 5, 1872, is published, 119 pp. 8vo. It includes papers there read; sketches of the Congregational churches in the county; and the Necrology; with notes appended, to June, 1876. Compiled by Revs. J. D. Emerson and B. P. Snow, committee of Publication.

Rev. REUBEN DODGE OSGOOD (Bangor 1869), installed Pastor of church in Limington, November 16, 1875. Rev. Albert Cole, of Cornish, *Moderator* of Council; Rev. Samuel W. Pearson, of Lyman, *Scribe*. Reading Scriptures, Jotham Sewall, of Limerick; Prayer, Rev. M. Hill (F. B.), of Steep Falls; Sermon, by the Moderator, 1 Tim. iii. 1. A good work. Installing Prayer and address to the people, Rev. Wm. A. Merrill, of Lyman; Charge to Pastor, by the Scribe; Right hand, Rev. John P. Trowbridge, of Standish; Prayer, Rev. N. Whitmore (Bap.), of East Limington; Benediction, by Pastor.

Rev. THOMAS N. LORD, called to supply the church in Sanford, October, 1875.

Rev. WOODBURY STORER KIMBALL, called to the Second Church, Wells, November, 1875.

Rev. SAMUEL W. PEARSON, resigned at Lyman, March 1, 1876,—called to Andover, Me.

Rev. JOHN D. EMERSON closed labors with Second Church, Biddeford, March 26, 1876.

Rev. GEORGE W. CHRISTIE preaches farewell sermon to church in Kittery, July 2, 1876. Accepts call to Wiscasset.

DEDICATIONS.—The SOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH EDIFICE, KENNEBUNK-PORT, having been repaired and re-furnished, was re-dedicated Dec., 1875. Sermon by Rev. Charles H. Gates, Acting Pastor, Haggai ii. 9, "The glory of this latter house," etc. Revs. W. S. Kimball, W. E. Darling, C. Chapman, B. Southworth, and W. B. Bartlett took part in the excercises. The house is re-modeled so as to provide a larger audience room, and a hall beneath.

The church edifice of the NORTH FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH was re-opened June 18, 1876. Discourse by Rev. Charles H. Gates, Acting-Pastor. Mr. J.

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F. Brown read an historical and statistical statement from the records of the parish, with some reference to its ministers, for more than 150 years.

The house has been undergoing repairs since April. The choir gallery has been removed, the walls and ceiling frescoed, new windows, new carpets, and newly painted. A new communion service, the gift of Mrs. S. H. Perkins, was also dedicated. Mr. Edwin Parsons, of New York, furnished funds to beautify the house.

Alfred.—The church edifice repaired and improved, the galleries removed, a vestibule added, pew doors removed, and newly painted, Dec., 1875.—Mrs. Martha M., wife of Hon. Nathan Dane, died Nov. 7, 1875, aged 61. Has been a member of the church 40 years. "Conspicuous for correct, practical, Christian devotedness." *Biddeford, First Church.*—Rev. J. Tarleton, of Waverly, Mass., supplied Dec., 1875. *Biddeford, Second Church.*—Sermon by Rev. J. D. Emerson, on the Second Advent of Christ in the Holy Spirit, is published in Biddeford Evening Times, Nov. 9, 1875; text, John 14: 15—"I will not leave you comfortless." A sermon on Christian Union, by Rev. J. D. Emerson, preached Nov. 14, is published in pamphlet form, 12 pp. 8vo.—Mr. J. H. Hoffman, of Bangor Seminary, supplied in April, 1876. *Pavilion Church.*—Rev. Andrew J. Rogers, Pastor, 1873–5, died in Winooski Falls, May 6, 1876,—see Necrology. *Cornish.*—Rev. Albert Cole is writing a history of this town.—Mrs. Mary Merrill, widow of Dr. Wm. B. Pike, died May 7, 1876, a most worthy and beloved member of the church. *Eliot.*—Rev. George W. Christie, of Kittery, supplied for a time this church Sabbath afternoons, while without a Pastor. *Kittery.*—A praise-meeting held Aug. 22, 1875; and a concert on the 24th inst. by the wife of the Pastor and five sisters. Quite an addition was made to the meeting-house fund.—One hundred trees were set out around the parsonage, and church grounds, June, 1876. *Lebanon.*—A deaf mute was received to the church Aug., 1875; Professor Bartlett, of Hartford, Conn., acted as interpreter, on this occasion, and at the examination by the church committee.—A new organ and communion service procured. *Limington.*—The one hundredth birth-day of William Thompson observed Oct. 4, 1875. There were present at the gathering, 135 of his kinsfolk. He was born in Portland, and was taken out of the house in a cradle, when Portland was burned by Mowatt. He has long been a member of the church in Limington. His wife is 92 years of age; the physical and mental powers of both are well preserved.—Remarks were made by Revs. T. N. Lord, of Limerick, and R. D. Osgood, of Limington. (See Necrology.) At a meeting at the parsonage, in August, there were present 18 persons, the average age of whom was 82 years, and all members of the Congregational Church—16 at Limington, 2 at Portland. *Saco.*—Mrs. Ambrose, widow of the late Hon. Philip Eastman, died suddenly Oct. 17, aged 72. She attended church the day before.—Rev. Charles B. Rice, former Pastor (1859–61), elected representative to Massachusetts Legislature, 1876. *South Berwick.*—Rev. John W. Chickering delivered an address September, 1875, on Temperance.—Rev. Silvanus Hayward (Pastor 1866 to 1873) resigns the Professorship in Fiske University, Nashville, Tenn., and returns to Gilsum, N. H., June, 1875. *Wells, First Church.*—Rev. N. W. Grover, supplied July, 1875. Rev. W. H. Woodwell, Acting-Pastor of this church, 1873–4, supplying the Plymouth Church at Kalamazoo, Michigan, November, 1875. *York, First Church.*—Church edifice repairing; a new organ procured.—Temperance cause receives a new impulse, January, 1876.—The parish voted in November to give the women of the parish, the right to vote in parish affairs.—Geo. Simpson died in Chester, N. H., Sept. 11, 1875, who united with this church 45 years since, under the pastorate of Rev. Eber Carpenter. *York, Second Church.*—Rev. T. W. Duncan, Pastor 1825–30, died in Nelson, N. H., May 5, 1876, aged 85—(see Necrology.) Mrs. Dorcas, relict of the late James Stevens, of York, died in South Berwick, Aug. 20, 1875, aged 83. Mrs. S. has been a consistent member of this church 43 years, and at her death was the oldest member. Funeral from the church, 22d inst., Rev. Joseph Freeman officiating.

A National Christian Temperance Camp Meeting was held at Old Orchard, Aug. 8–18, 1875. Gov. Dingley made the opening address.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Acton, Rev. Wm. S. Thompson; Alfred, Thomas Rogers; Biddeford First Ch., John R. Staples; Biddeford Second Ch., Dr. Thomas Haley; Biddeford, Pavilion Ch., John H. Burnham; Buxton, Geo. G. Davis; Buxton Center, Osman K. Cobb; Cornish, Rev. A. Cole; Eliot, C. H. Guptill; Kennebunk, Union, Joseph Titcomb; Kennebunkport, Woodbury Smith; Kennebunkport, South, J. L. Cole; Kittery Point, Dea. Charles Duncan; Lebanon, Dea. John E. Moody, Lebanon Center; Limerick, Rev. Jotham Sewall; Limington, Leonard J. Strout; Lyman, Dymon Roberts; Newfield, West, Rev. George S. Kemp; Parsonsfield, H. G. O. Smith, of Limington; Saco, Andrew W. Hewes; Sanford, Wm. L. Emery; Sanford, South, Jeremiah L. Moulton; Shapleigh, James Coffin, *Treasurer;* South Berwick, Rev. Geo. Lewis; Wells, First Ch., John W. Hubbard; Wells, Second Ch.,

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John Goodwin; York, First Ch., Rev. David B. Sewall; York, Second Ch., Rev. Joseph Freeman.

Rev. Reuben D. Osgood, of Limington, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference.* Rev. William S. Thompson, of Acton, *Reporter.*

Next meeting in Limington, October 10, 11, 1876.

YORK ASSOCIATION, organized in Arundel (now Kennebunkport), Oct. 27, 1817; meets on the first Tuesday of February and May, and the last Tuesday in September; Rev. Joseph Kyte, Buxton, *Scribe.* Met in Saco, October 14, 1875; Kennebunkport, Feb. 1, 2, 1876; Alfred. May 2, 1876. Rev. C. H. Gates, *Moderator.* Sermon in evening by Rev. George Lewis, of South Berwick, 1 Cor. 1: 22, 23. The gospel at Corinth. All the ministers in attendance, preached in the various revival meetings in the neighborhood.

The ministers in South Berwick, Elliot, York, and Kittery, are connected with the PISCATAQUA ASSOCIATION, formed in Kittery, October 24, 1871. Annual meeting, third Tuesday in April; other meetings on the third Tuesday of July, October, and January. Rev. Isaac C. White, of New Market, N. H., *Scribe.* Met at South Berwick, July 20, 1875; Kittery Point, October 19, 1875, Rev. George Lewis, of South Berwick, *Moderator;* Portsmouth, N. H., April 18, 1876.

GENERAL CONFERENCE.

The General Conference comprised originally EIGHT COUNTY CONFERENCES, viz., Cumberland, Hancock, Kennebec, Lincoln, Oxford, Penobscot, Somerset, and York. In 1829, Washington was added; in 1836, Union; in 1839, Franklin; in 1842, Piscataquis; in 1846, Aroostook: in 1848, *Waldo; making fourteen, the present number.

FIRST CHURCH ORGANIZED IN MAINE.

The first church organized in the State is supposed to have been gathered in Wells, by Rev. John Wheelwright, in 1643, but it did not long survive. The next was organized in York, December 3, 1673, which still exists. (History of York Conference, page 91.)

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*Hancock and Waldo Conference was formed in 1829,—the churches uniting.

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MINISTERS INSTALLED AS PASTORS DURING THE YEAR ENDING MAY 7, 1876.

Lewis Goodrich	Warren, 2d Church	Nov. 3, 1875	Minutes, 1876, p. 68
William A. Bosworth	Deering, Woodford's Cor.	Nov. 10, 1875	Minutes, 1876, p. 59
Reuben D. Osgood	Limington	Nov. 16, 1875	Minutes, 1876, p. 80
Jonathan G. Leavitt	New Gloucester	Dec. 7, 1875	Minutes, 1876, p. 59

MINISTERS ORDAINED AS PASTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 7, 1876.

Charles N. Sinnett	Lebanon	May 30, 1875	Minutes, 1875, p. 70
Herbert A. Loring	Foxcroft and Dover	June 10, 1875	Minutes, 1875, p. 61
Gustavus W. Jones	Winterport	Nov. 9, 1875	Minutes, 1876, p. 77

ORDAINED AS EVANGELISTS.

Lewis D. Evans	Bristol	June 30, 1875	Minutes, 1875, p. 54
Henry H. Osgood	Naples	Sept. 3, 1875	Minutes, 1876, p. 75
Lauriston Reynolds	Auburn	Sept. 16, 1875	Minutes, 1876, p. 59
Frederic E. Emerick	Auburn	Sept. 16, 1875	Minutes, 1876, p. 59

MINISTERS DISMISSED FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 7, 1876.

John Parsons	Lebanon	May 31, 1875	Minutes, 1875, p. 70
Charles D. Crane	Clinton	June 9, 1875	Minutes, 1876, p. 64
John H. Gurney	Foxcroft and Dover	June 10, 1875	Minutes, 1875, p. 61
Joseph Kyte	Alfred	July 6, 1875	Minutes, 1875, p. 71
George N. Marden	Farmington	Aug. 24, 1875	Minutes, 1876, p. 62
John R. Chalmers	Wilton	Sept. 14, 1875	Minutes, 1876, p. 62
John J. Abbott	Yarmouth, Central	Oct. 14, 1875	Minutes, 1876, p. 59
William Carruthers	Calais	Nov. 10, 1875	Minutes, 1876, p. 79
Charles G. McCully	Hallowell	Jan. 20, 1876	Minutes, 1876, p. 64
William H. Bolster	Wiscasset	Feb. 8, 1876	Minutes, 1876, p. 68
John J. Bulfinch	Freeport	Apr. 4, 1876	Minutes, 1876, p. 60
Richard W. Jenkins	Winthrop	Apr. 17, 1876	Minutes, 1876, p. 64

MINISTERS RESIGNED, OR ASKED DISMISSION—SEPT., 1875 TO JULY, 1876.

Thomas E. Brastow	Sherman Mills	Sept., 1875	Minutes, 1876, p. 58
Albion H. Johnson	Rockport	Sept., 1875	Minutes, 1876, p. 77
Calvin Chapman	Andover	Oct., 1875	Minutes, 1876, p. 69
Edward P. Eastman	Gray	Dec, 1875	Minutes, 1876, p. 60
Amasa Loring	Sumner	Dec., 1875	Minutes, 1876, p. 69
Ebenezer Bean	Camden	Jan., 1876	Minutes, 1876, p. 77
James H. Crosby	Lincoln	Mar., 1876	Minutes, 1876, p. 58
John D. Emerson	Biddeford, 2d Church	Mar., 1876	Minutes, 1876, p. 80
Samuel W. Pearson	Lyman	Mar., 1876	Minutes, 1876, p. 80
John T. Rea	Bridgton	Mar., 1876	Minutes, 1876, p. 75
Horatio Ilsley	South Freeport	April, 1876	Minutes, 1876, p. 60
Uriah W. Small	Turner	April, 1876	Minutes, 1876, p. 69
George F. Tewksbury	Gorham, N. H.	April, 1876	Minutes, 1876, p. 69
James E. Hall	Rockland	May, 1876	Minutes, 1876, p. 68
Edmund C. Sherburne	North Waterford	May, 1876	Minutes, 1876, p. 75
Charles F. Dole	Portland, Plymouth Ch.	June, 1876	Minutes, 1876, p. 60
Benjamin B. Merrill	Sandy Point	June, 1876	Minutes, 1876, p. 77
Joseph Smith	Minot	June, 1876	Minutes, 1876, p. 60
Arthur H. Tebbetts	Bluehill	June, 1876	Minutes, 1876, p. 63
George W. Christie	Kittery	July, 1876	Minutes, 1876, p. 80
John B. Wheelwright	South Paris	July, 1876	Minutes, 1876, p. 70
Jonathan E. Adams	Searsport	July, 1876	Minutes, 1876, p. 77
Amory H. Tyler	Monson	July, 1876	Minutes, 1876, p. 50

Pastors installed, four; pastors ordained, three; evangelists ordained, four; pastors dismissed, twelve; ministers deceased, four; ministers formerly residing in the State, deceased, eight.

Average ministerial age of 175 ordained ministers now in the State, 18½ years; of 42 who have no pastoral charge, 29 years; of the others (133), 15½ years.

Of the ordained ministers, Rev. Enoch Pond has been 61 years in the ministry; Rev. Thomas Adams, 58 years; Rev. John J. Carruthers, 57 years: Rev. John A. Douglass, 55 years; ten, from 42 to 50 years—average, 45 years; twenty-three, from 32 to 40 years—average, 36½ years; thirty, from 21 to 30 years—average, 25 years; forty, from 11 to 20 years—average, 15½ years; sixty-eight, from 1 to 10 years—average, 5 years.

Average time of settlement of fifty-three, over the churches of which they are now pastors, 6½ years; these have been in the ministry, average, 15 years each. Average time of settlement of seventy-two acting pastors, all of whom are ordained ministers, 3¼ years; these have been in the ministry, average, 16 years each.

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LICENTIATES.

With their field of labor, and reference to the page of the Conference in which they were located.

Clarence A. Beckwith....Eastport....78
C. W. Bennen.....Whiting....78
Enoch Benson.....North Deer Isle....62
L. F. Berry.....Sandford....79
J. E. Bissell.....Steuben.62, 63
S. R. Bonnell, Fort Fairfield and Presque Isle.....57
E. J. Burgess.....Dexter....72
S. W. Chapin.....Burlington.42, 57
E. B. Chase.....Bingham.50, 74
E. P. Chittenden.....Albany....75
James H. Crosby.....Lincoln....58
Zenas Crowell. Houlton.42, 57
W. Denley.....Northfield.53, 78
G. L. Dickinson.....Dedham....70
S. P. Dunlap.....Mt. Desert....62
Geo. H. Dunlap.....Otisfield.51, 75
John G. Evans.....Kenduskeag....70
Clarence Finster.....Princeton....78
Charles E. Fitz.....Topsfield....78
H. A. Freeman, Marshfield, Whitneyville, and Northfield. 53, 78
George A. Gordon.....Temple.44, 61
L. S. Hastings.....Jonesport....78
John Hemmenway.....Brighton....74
C. W. Hill.....Topsham....68
Geo. H. Johnson..B. V. & Oldtown.49, 70
David L. Jones....Passadumkeag, Olamon, and Medway.....57
Henry Jones.....Industry.44, 61
Frank T. Lee .....Steuben....62
A. Marsh.....Isle au Haut....62
Benj. B. Merrill..Sandy Point and Searsport, 2d Church.....52
Alfred J. McGown.....Freedom, and Kingman.....57, 76
Dugald McGregor...West Trenton....62
Albert F. Newton.....Frankfort, Jonesport.....76, 77, 78
George W. Osgood..Kingman, New Vineyard, Lee.....42, 57, 61
Robert Peacock, Jr..East Madison.50, 74
Moses Peters .....West Trenton....62
Thomas H. Rich....(res.) Lewiston....58
J. S. Richards, Jr. Bremen, Dexter.50,67,72
Jotham Sewall.....Limerick.54, 79
E. C. Sherburne..North Waterford....51
F. E. Sherman.....Sweden....75
J. F. D. Shurtz ...Mercer and Farmington Falls.....61, 74
Richard C. Stanley.....Durham (resident) Lewiston..... 58
Joseph St. John.....Robbinston, Dedham.....70, 78
J. M. Stinchfield.....Lovell....51
Lewis J. Thomas.....Frankfort....76
G. S. Thrall.....1st Ch., Biddeford....79
F. A. Valentine.....Holden....48
S. L. Vincent.....Amherst....62
F. R. Waite.....Denmark....75
Joseph L. Walker.....Robbinston....53
T. W. Walters....Northfield, Robbinston, and Red Brook.....78
R. Wickett..... Medway....57
David T. Williams...Whitneyville and Northfield, Essex St. Bangor.....78
George H. Wilson.....Holden....49
J. W. Wilson.....Medway....57
R. Wright.....1st Ch., Biddeford....79

Thirty-eight of the above are from the Bangor Theological Seminary.

BIBLE SOCIETIES IN MAINE.

BIBLE SOCIETIES.	PLACE OF DEPOSITORY.	BY WHOM KEPT.
Androscoggin County	Lewiston	Douglass & Cook.
Aroostook County	Houlton	John McMasters.
Bangor Young Men's	Bangor	E. F. Duren.
Brunswick	Brunswick	Jordan Snow.
Bucksport, union	Bucksport	Edward Swasey.
Castine, &c., union	Castine	Samuel Adams.
Cumberland County	Portland	Bailey & Noyes.
Deer Isle	Deer Isle	H. R. Haskell.
Eastern Maine Association	Bluehill	Mrs. Thomas.
Franklin County	Farmington	Charles A. Allen.
Hancock and Union River	Ellsworth	J. W. Jones.
Kennebec County	Augusta	David Cargill.
Lincoln County	Bath	Henry A. Chandler.
Lincoln County	Boothbay	D. W. Sawyer.
Mt. Desert	South West Harbor	Mrs. N. C. Clark.
Oxford Conference	South Paris	H. N. Bolster.
Piscataquis County	Dover	M. W. Hall.
Saco	Saco	C. O. Gerrish.
Somerset County	Skowhegan	A. R. Bixby.
Union Conference	Bridgton	B. C. Storer.
Waldo County	Belfast	Conant & Co.
Warren	Warren	I. P. Starrett.
Washington County	Dennysville	Wm. Allen.
Washington County	Nine other towns	See p. 67, Min., 1875.
York County	Alfred	William G. Conant.

William H. Gilbert, Superintendent for A. B. S., in New England, P. O. Address, New Haven, Conn.

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GENERAL CONFERENCE OF MAINE, 1826 TO 1876.

Organized at Portland, in Second Church, January 10, 1826.

Rev. Edward Payson, of Portland, Moderator; Rev. Seneca White, of Bath, Secretary. Preacher, Rev. Charles Freeman, of Limerick; 1 Cor. 12: 27.

June of each year.	PLACE OF MEETING.	MODERATOR.	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.	RECORDING SECRETARY.	
1826	Minot	*Rev. Benj. Tappan	*Rev. Seneca White	*Rev. Allen Greeley.	
1827	Hallowell	"	*Rev. Asa Cummings	"	
1828	Gorham	"	"	Rev. Thomas Adams.	
1829	Waldoboro	"	*Rev. C. Marsh	*Rev. Allen Greeley.	
1830	Winthrop	*Rev. David Thurston	*Rev. Asa Cummings	*Rev. Charles Jenkins.	
1831	Fryeburg	"	"	*Rev. D. M. Mitchell.	
1832	Wiscasset	"	"	"	
1833	Portland, 3d	*Rev. Bennett Tyler	*Rev. Chas. Freeman	*Rev. Benj. Tappan.	
1834	Bath, North	*Rev. Samuel Johnson	"	"	
1835	Bangor, Hammond St.	"	"	"	
1836	Augusta	"	"	Rev. David Shepley.	
1837	Yarmouth, 1st	*Rev. J. W. Ellingwood	"	"	
1838	Saco	"	"	"	
1839	Brunswick	"	"	"	
1840	Hallowell	*Rev. S. L. Pomeroy	"	"	
1841	Machias	"	"	*Rev. George E. Adams.	
1842	Portland, 2d	"	"	Rev. David Shepley.	
1843	Bangor, 1st	*Rev. George E. Adams	"	"	
1844	Bath, South	"	"	Rev. E. F. Cutter.	
1845	Fryeburg	"	Rev. J. W. Chickering	"	
1846	Augusta	Rev. Steph. Thurston	"	"	
1847	Portland, High Street.	"	"	"	
1848	Bangor, Hammond St.	"	"	"	
1849	Bath, Winter Street	Rev. Ray Palmer	"	Rev. S. H. Hayes.	
1850	South Berwick	"	"	"	
1851	Yarmouth, 1st	*Rev. R. Woodhull	Rev. S. H. Hayes	Rev. E. F. Cutter.	
1852	Searsport, 1st	Rev. David Shepley	"	Rev. S. C. Fessenden.	
1853	Saco	"	"	"	
1854	Bangor, Central	"	"	"	
1855	Portland, 3d	Rev. Wooster Parker	"	Dea. E. F. Duren.	
1856	Calais	"	"	"	
1857	Bath, Central	"	Rev. J. K. Mason	"	
1858	Augusta	Rev. J. W. Chickering	"	"	
1859	Portland, State Street.	"	*Rev. G. E. Adams	"	
1860	Bangor, 1st	"	Rev. E. Whittlesey	"	
1861	Brunswick	*Rev. Charles Packard	"	"	
1862	Portland, High Street.	"	"	"	
1863	Biddeford, 2d	"	Rev. J. K. Mason	"	
1864	Searsport, 1st	Rev. Samuel Harris	"	"	
1865	Portland, 2d	"	"	"	
1866	Bath, Central	"	"	"	
1867	Lewiston	Rev. Aaron C. Adams	Rev. A. E. Ives	"	
1868	Thomaston	Rev. Alfred E. Ives	Rev. D. Garland	"	
1869	Bangor, Hammond St.	"	"	"	(1)
1870	Yarmouth, 1st	Hon. Nel'n Dingley, jr.	"	"	
1871	Bath, Winter Street	"	"	"	
1872	Skowhegan	Hon. E. W. Woodbury	"	"	(2)
1873	Gorham	Rev. Solomon P. Fay	Rev. E. H. Byington	"	
1874	Newcastle, 2d	"	"	"	
1875	Augusta	"	"	"	
1876	Portland†	Rev. Wm. H. Fenn	"	"	

(1) Rev. John D. Emerson, (2) J. D. Emerson and F. E. Shaw, Assistant Secretaries.

†The Second Church, High Street, and State Street, united, and held meetings one day with each.

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GENERAL CONFERENCE OF MAINE, 1826 TO 1876.

At an adjourned meeting held in Minot, June 13, 1826, Rev. Allen Greeley, of Turner, was Moderator, *pro tem.*; Rev. Thaddeus Pomeroy, of Gorham, Secretary, *pro tem.*

June of each year.	PREACHER OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE SERMON.	Conferen's.	Churches.	‡Ministers.	ADM'S'N		REMO'LS			Total Members.	Non-Residents.	Baptisms.	No. in Sabbath Sch'ls.	Total Donations.
					Profes'n.	Letter.	Deaths.	Dismis'n.	Exc'm.					
1826	*Benj. Tappan.....2 Chron. 15: 2.	8	120	65										
1827	*Thaddeus Pomeroy..2 Cor. 6: 10.	8	124	70										
1828	*David Thurston.....Psalm 45: 16.	8	130	78	837	72	103	112	15	7,685		925		
1829	*Fifield Holt.....Daniel 9: 25	8	145	93	†					9,118				
1830	*William Allen.....John 17: 17.	9	157	104	617	119	132	129	25	9,161		702	11,593	
1831	*J. W. Ellingwood.....Rev. 2: 7.	9	166	106	†					9,919				
1832	*Benjamin Tappan.....Amos 7: 2.	9	172	111	2,166	190	152	209	24	12,112		1,497	15,000	
1833	*Carlton Hurd.....2 Thess. 3: 16.	9	176	119	950	176	169	185	32	12,370		991		
1834	*Caleb Hobart.....2 Cor. 19: 4.	9	180	140	593	233	235	373	38	13,019		727		
1835	*Josiah Peet.....Psalm 51: 13.	9	181	143	916	274	208	274	34	13,900		644		
1836	*David M. Mitchell....Matt. 6: 10.	10	188	143	464	214	121	236	22	13,934		491		
1837	*Swan L. Pomeroy.....1 John 4: 8.	10	189	142	531	351	168	316	48	14,250		619		
1838	Silas McKeen.....Rom. 5: 11.	10	192	146	950	329	191	364	43	14,902		830	15,000	
1839	Enoch Pond... .....Mark 14: 72.	11	197	144	986	249	201	243	43	15,607		815		
1840	David Shepley.....1 Cor. 9: 27.	11	201	142	1,028	283	169	302	51	16,308		575		
1841	*Isaac Rogers.....Rev. 5: 9.	11	203	141	1,345	250	162	232	49	17,338		965		
1842	*Robert Crossett.....Phil. 1: 21.	12	207	138	828	213	256	291	34	17,770		659		
1843	Sewall Tenney.....Eph. 4: 14, 15.	12	208	167	1,059	282	231	331	43	18,540		566		
1844	*Swan L. Pomeroy.....Psalm 133.	12	211	167	354	241	233	272	40	18,447		283		
1845	Ray Palmer. .....Gal. 2: 20.	13	213	173	152	197	228	240	72	18,007		388		
1846	*Nath'l Chapman...Eph. 4: 1, 2, 3.	13	215	174	152	208	227	266	38	17,732		247		
1847	Edward F. Cutter.....Acts 9: 6.	13	218	181	142	241	261	279	42	17,504		348		
1848	Wooster Parker....Psalm 145: 11.	14	222	188	225	228	240	271	33	17,192		320		
1849	*R. Woodhull.....2 Kings 6: 16.	14	223	186	285	265	255	308	38	16,981		355		
1850	*James Drummond...Psalm 121: 1.	14	222	178	406	243	226	274	50	16,826		351		
1851	Joseph Loring.....Col. 1: 15.	14	225	187	483	224	223	182	36	16,986		345		
1852	*John Maltby..... .Phil. 2: 16.	14	227	176	366	219	289	296	44	16 896	1,418	376	12,606	21,432
1853	J. J. Carruthers.....Rom. 14: 7.	14	231	190	708	249	234	294	37	17,278	1,607	465	16,218	32,374
1854	E. Kellogg.....Sol. Songs 4: 16.	14	230	193	293	132	198	154	24	16,889	2,339	318	17,169	23,411
1855	*George Shepard.....John 1: 14.	14	235	209	630	329	370	362	29	16,937	2,526	504	18,535	36,718
1856	Joseph R. Munsell....John 15: 19.	14	237	203	587	242	295	353	31	16,786	2,743	482	18,286	30,618
1857	Samuel Harris....2 Tim. 4: 6, 7, 8.	14	239	209	461	246	268	302	23	16,765	2,467	468	18,912	30,107
1858	H. G. Storer.....2 Cor. 2: 15, 16.	14	244	201	1,407	478	299	554	45	17,842	2,553	1,000	19,665	27,140
1859	H. Q. Butterfield.... ..Heb. 11: 1.	14	248	190	1,924	481	323	543	40	19,221	2,912	1,281	20,510	27,595
1860	*Charles Packard.....John 11: 5.	14	248	196	432	283	312	315	31	19,351	2,949	437	20,278	28,888
1861	J. W. Chickering.....Luke 9: 23.	14	246	200	261	238	318	272	35	19,252	3,211	339	20,071	36,445
1862	Henry K. Craig.....1 Peter 2: 9.	14	249	209	589	260	362	250	28	18,995	3,076	611	21,354	28,256
1863	Benj. Tappan, jr.....John 16: 33.	14	250	203	795	232	387	248	19	19,540	3,316	654	21,297	26,172
1864	Charles Tenney.....Acts 20: 24.	14	250	189	623	192	392	244	35	19,583	3,273	562	21,762	35,766
1865	David B. Sewall.....Psalm 45: 17.	14	251	192	547	238	397	278	49	19,304	3,337	526	20,645	49,187
1866	John B. Wheelwright..2 Cor. 5: 7.	14	246	199	674	255	328	383	33	19,449	3,242	604	21,440	49,874
1867	Seth H. Keeler.....Zech. 4: 6.	14	245	185	979	307	304	366	35	19,830	3,245	794	22,647	38,437
1868	Solomon P. Fay..Matt. 16: 18, 19.	14	241	176	786	305	323	314	27	20,090	3,241	626	21,923	41,549
1869	Joel F. Bingham.....Luke 10: 18.	14	240	174	546	317	329	337	23	19,969	3,516	509	22,713	39,063
1870	John R. Herrick.....Neh. 4: 6.	14	244	173	494	248	323	357	21	19,840	3,580	482	22,417	33,983
1871	Chas. G. McCully Luke 17: 20, 21.	14	242	172	488	289	337	375	16	19,704	3,829	445	22,610	34,938
1872	Wm. H. Fenn.... .....Gal. 2: 20.	14	242	168	542	264	364	412	9	19,462	3,892	415	21,227	41,587
1873	Ezra H. Byington.... Acts 21: 37.	14	242	167	443	245	376	362	18	19,356	3,869	378	21,843	38,469
1874	Edward Y. Hincks....John 1: 17.	14	241	177	641	237	389	340	16	19,489	3,633	535	20,327	39,457
1875	Anson P. Tinker.....Job 23: 3.	14	241	177	529	304	367	363	5	19,479	4,059	480	20,778	38,552
1876	James H. Ecob.....Acts 19: 2.	14	242	178	859	296	406	349	12	19,792	4,028	708	20,603	36,332

No record made prior to 1852. *No record made prior to 1852.* *No record made prior to 1852.*

Total admissions for 50 years ending 1875, 44,640; removals, 28,110; baptisms' 29,517; donations, $829,968.

‡ Includes pastors, acting pastors, and clergymen without pastoral charge.

† Increase in 1829, 1433; and in 1831, 902.

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SUMMARY OF FIFTY YEARS.

CHURCHES.—In 1826, 120; in 1835, 181; in 1845, 213; in 1855, 235; in 1865, 251; in 1875, 241.

MINISTERS.—In 1826, 65; in 1835, 143; in 1845, 173; in 1855, 209; in 1865, 192; in 1875, 177.

MEMBERS.

Received 1826 to 1835, by Profession	7,472	By Letter	1,432	Total	8,904
1836 to 1845,	"	7,690	"	2,609	"	10,299
1846 to 1855,	"	3,690	"	2,338	"	6,028
1856 to 1865,	"	7,626	"	2,890	"	10,516
1866 to 1875,	"	6,122	"	2.771	"	8,893
Received total to 1875	32,600		12,040		44,640

Removed.	By Death.	Dis. to other Churches.	Excluded.	Total.
1826 to 1835	1,219	1,576	210	3,005
1836 to 1845	1,960	2,827	445	5,232
1846 to 1855	2,523	2,684	371	5,578
1856 to 1865	3,353	3,359	336	7,048
1866 to 1875	3,440	3,609	198	7,247
Removed total to 1875	12,495	14,055	1,560	28,110

Yearly average total No. of Members,	1826 to 1835		10,078
" " "	1836 to 1845		16,510
" " "	1846 to 1855		17,122
" " "	1856 to 1865		18,664
" " "	1866 to 1875		19,667

Yearly average, 1826 to 1875 (fifty years), 16,408.

Yearly average of NON-RESIDENT MEMBERS from 1852 to 1855, 1,973; 1856 to 1865, 2,984; 1866 to 1875, 3,610. Yearly average, 24 years, 3,076. No record was made of the number prior to 1852.

From 1826 to 1835, the number of BAPTISMS was 8,420; 1836 to 1845, 6,191; 1846 to 1855, 3,629; 1856 to 1865, 6,009; 1866 to 1875, 5,268. Total, 50 years, 29,517. Average, 590 each year.

Yearly average of attendance in the SABBATH SCHOOLS, from 1852 to 1855, 16,132; 1856 to 1865, 20,278; 1866 to 1875, 21,792. Yearly average, 24 years, 20,218. No tabular report previous to the year 1852. Estimated average from 1826 to 1851, 12,000 each year.

DONATIONS reported from 1852 to 1855, $113,935; 1856 to 1865, $320,124; 1866 to 1875, $395,909. Total, $829,968. Yearly average, 24 years, $34,582. No record made until the year 1852.

The particulars of all the above items for each year, may be found in the previous table.

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PREACHERS OF OTHER THAN THE REGULARLY PROVIDED "CONFERENCE SERMON."

PREACHER.		TEXT.	*MINUTES.
Horace S. Pratt	Del. Pres. church	Proverbs 14: 9	1828, p. 7.
Nathan S. S. Beaman	Del. Pres. church	Matthew 3: 3	1829, p. 6.
Asa Mead	Brunswick		1830, p. 5.
David Shepley	North Yarmouth		1831, p. 4.
Bennett Tyler	Portland	Matthew 16: 26	1832, p. 5.
Richard S. Storrs	Sec. Mass. Miss. Society	Psalm 49: 8	1832, p. 6.
John Smith	Del. from New Hampshire	1 Peter 2: 11, 12	1833, p. 8.
Eli Smith	Missionary	Mohammedanism	1833, p. 9.
Enoch Pond	Bangor	Luke 10: 14	1834, p. 4.
Dr. Bardwell	Agent Am. Board C. F. M.	Acts 19: 20	1834, p. 9.
A. Rood	Del. from Connecticut	Romans 12: 1	1835, p. 4.
Seth Bliss	Agent Am. Tract Society	Oral inst. and Ch. press	1835, p. 7.
S. G. Tenney	Del. from Vermont		1836, p. 4.
George Shepard	Bangor	Zech. 4: 6	1837, p. 4.
B. Abbott	Delegate from Vermont	Psalm 66: 18	1838, p. 4.
W. A. Stearns	Del. from Massachusetts	Luke 2: 14	1839, p. 4.
A. H. Dumont	Del. from Rhode Island	Hebrews 2: 10	1840, p. 4.
Silas McKeen	Belfast	Revelation 6: 2	1841, p. 4.
D. D. Field	Del. from Connecticut	Hebrews 5: 7	1842, p. 4.
Rufus Anderson	Sec. Am. Board C. F. M.	2 Chron. 29: 36	1843, p. 4.
David Greene	Sec. Am. Board C. F. M.	2 Cor. 4: 6-13	1844, p. 4.
Dr. Edwards	Boston	The Sabbath	1845, p. 4.
George Shepard	Bangor	Psalm 119: 26	1846, p. 4.
Uriah Balkam	Wiscasset	Hos. 12: 3, 4	1847, p. 4.
J. McDonald	Del. Pres. church	1 Cor. 1: 18	1848, p. 4.
J. P. Langworthy	Del. from Massachusetts	Romans 1: 11, 12	1849, p. 4.
John O. Fiske	Bath	John 9: 4	1850, p. 4.
Calvin E. Stowe	Bowdoin College	Matthew 16: 10	1851, p. 4.
B. F. Parsons	Del. from Wisconsin	Rom. 1: 16	1852, p. 4.
F. B. Wheeler	Del. from Vermont	1 John 5: 19	1853, p. 4.
Prof. Hitchcock	Bowdoin College	1 Timothy 1: 11	1854, p. 4.
Henry B. Smith	New York	Matthew 16: 3	1855, p. 4.
John Maltby	Bangor	2 Cor. 11: 3.	1856, p. 4.
Walter Clark	Hartford, Conn	Ephesians 4: 11, 12	1857, p. 6.
Samuel Walcott	Providence, R. I.	1 Thessalonians 1: 5	1858, p. 7.
E. A. Park	Andover, Mass	1 Cor. 2: 2	1859, p. 7.
E. C. Smyth	Andover, Mass	Romans 11: 36	1860, p. 7.
J. B. Condit	Auburn, N. Y.	Acts 17: 2, 3	1862, p. 8.
George L. Walker	Portland	Isaiah 52: 13, 55: 11	1863, p. 7.
R. B. Thurston	Waltham, Mass.	Matthew 20: 26-28	1864, p. 7.
A. F. Beard	Bath	Colossians 1: 27, 28	1865, p. 10.
F. Monod	France	Evangelical Society	1865, p. 35.
A. D. Eddy	New York	French Revolution	1866, p. 25.
J. Cameron	Greenville	Luke 23: 42, 43	1871, p. 26.
G. N. Marden	Farmington	Galatians 5: 14	1872, p. 17.
J. H. Ecob	Augusta	John 3: 16	1873, p. 23.
J. E. Hall	Rockland	Psalm 76: 14	1874, p. 24.
H. A. Shorey	Sterling, Mass.	Matthew 22: 36-40	1874, p. 24.
William Hart	Bath	Jeremiah 9: 23, 24	1875, p. 23.
Alpheus S. Packard	Bowdoin College	1 Samuel 7: 12	1876, p. 15.

*Referring to page of Minutes for the year mentioned.

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NECROLOGY.

One Pastor has been removed by death,—Rev. George E. Adams, for nearly half a century Pastor of the church in Brunswick. Four ministers who had supplied occasionally the few past years,—and seven former Pastors, who had removed from the State. The average age of the twelve was seventy-two years,—about the same remarkable average was reported of deaths last year (70 years.)

GEORGE ELIASHIB ADAMS, Dec. 25, 1875, in Orange, N. J., æt 74.

Dr. A. was born in Worthington, Mass., Oct. 27, 1801; the son of Deacon Eliashib Adams, and Anne, daughter of Rev John Leland, of Peru, Mass. The family removed to Bucksport in 1803, to Bangor in 1813. He fitted for college in Bucksport and Ellsworth, Me., in Atkinson, N. H., but chiefly in Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass. Graduated from Yale College, 1821; Andover Theological Seminary, 1826. He was a teacher in Portsmouth, N. H., and Phillips Academy, from May 1823 to May 1825. From May 1826 to Dec. 1829, Professor of Sacred Literature in Bangor Theological Seminary. During this period, he supplied the pulpit in Brewer, and in other places near Bangor, having been licensed by Suffolk Association, Mass., May 1826. Ordained as an Evangelist, at Bangor, February 25, 1829. Installed Pastor at Brunswick, Dec. 30, 1829. Removed to Orange, N. J., June 1870—preaching his farewell sermon at Brunswick, in August following, though not formally released from the pastorate. The degree of D. D. was conferred upon him by Bowdoin College in 1849. Trustee of the Bangor Theological Seminary from 1850 to 1873; of the Maine Missionary Society from 1858 to 1870, and its President from 1861 to 1870; Moderator of the General Conference of Maine from 1846 to 1848; its Recording Secretary in 1841, and identified with other organizations in the State. He was also a Corporate Member of the Am. Bd. C. F. M.

Dr. A. was eminently a good man; possessing gifts, which, sanctified by grace, and consecrated to Him whom he served in the Gospel of his Son, rendered him a blessing to the people of his charge, to the other churches of the County and State, to his ministerial brethren, and to the community at large. His ever graceful courtesy, his judicious counsel, his skillful management of ecclesiastical affairs, his clear, terse and cogent exposition of God's holy word, his earnest inculcation of Christian truth, and his practical exemplification of the spirit of the Gospel, secured for him, while living, the esteem of all who knew him,—and now that he is gone, embalms his memory in the hearts of his surviving friends. He was an ardent lover of music, and he manifested much skill and appropriateness in conducting the service of song. Resolutions adopted by Cumberland Conference, at semi-annual meeting in Portland, January 12, 1876.

Funeral services were held in Orange, N. J., Dec. 26, and the remains were conveyed to Brunswick, to rest among the people among whom he so long labored. Services were held in the meeting-house on the 30th inst. The Scriptures were read by Rev. Dr. Wheeler, followed with prayer by Rev. E. H. Byington. Addresses

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were made by Revs. E. H. Byington, J. O. Fiske, and Prof. A. S. Packard. Reported in Christian Mirror, Lewiston, January 1, 1876, and Congregationalist, Jan. 5. Cong. Quarterly, July, 1876, p. 418.

FORMER MINISTERS.

SAMUEL STONE, in Falmouth, August 20, 1874, æt 86½.

Mr. S. was born in Barre, Vt., Feb. 25, 1788. He received an Academical education, and graduated from Bangor Theological Seminary, in 1820. Ordained Pastor in Cumberland, May 9, 1821; dismissed Nov. 1, 1829; installed at Warren, Dec. 2, 1829; dismissed May 7, 1833; installed at York, Second church, Dec. 19, 1838; resigned May 22, 1843; dismissed Jan. 1, 1844. He resided in Clarendon, Vt., in 1844, and preached one year in Tunbridge, Vt.

ISAAC ESTY, in Amherst, Mass., July 31, 1875, æt 79.

Mr. E., son of David and Mercy Esty, was born in Sutton, Worcester Co., Mass., April 24, 1796. When two years old, he went with his parents to Westmoreland, N. H., remaining upon a farm seventeen years. He commenced a course of study, and graduated at Yale College in 1821; Andover Seminary, 1824. He supplied for five years destitute churches in Cheshire Co., N. H. In July, 1828, he went to Cape Elizabeth, Me., supplied six months, and on the 23d Jan., 1829, was ordained Pastor; dismissed April 18, 1831. He was acting pastor one year at Bridgton. In 1831–2, owing to his labors in protracted meetings, his health failed him, and he returned to New Hampshire, laboring as he was able on the farm eight years. In 1840 he resumed ministerial work in Westminster, Vt., remaining six years; from 1846 to 1851, he supplied the churches in Bethlehem and Franconia, N. H.; 1851 to 1855, again at Westminster, Vt. He then removed to Amherst, Mass., where he resided until his death. He supplied for a time at Heath, Mass.

GILMAN BACHELLER, in Machiasport, September 27, 1875, æt 80.

Mr. B. was born in Fayette, Franklin County, Maine, February 18, 1795. He received a common education in his youth. His occupation was that of a farmer and blacksmith. His health failing, he attended for a time Monmouth Academy, and afterward entered a store. He became a Christian in the spring of 1825, and united with the Congregational church in Chesterville the following summer. He studied Theology with Rev. Joseph Underwood, Pastor of the church in New Sharon, 1826 to 1831, and was ordained Pastor of the church in Machiasport, June 15, 1831. Dismissed by Council Oct. 10, 1849. Mr. B. has remained a resident in that place until his death, acting as pastor of the church more or less of the time. He supplied the Center church, Machias, for a season; the church in Jonesborough, 1847–1849; Northfield, 1850–1853; Whiting, 1851–1852; Whitneyville, May 1850–1855; also Aug. 1859–1861, and April 30, 1865 to 1867. To the time of his death he was diligent in the use of his powers, for the promotion of Christ's kingdom, in the church with which he has been so long connected, and in other places in Washington County. After one days illness he was transferred to his heavenly rest.

Funeral services were attended in the meeting-house, Sept. 29. Sermon by Rev. Stephen L. Bowler, of Machias, from Rev., 22d ch. Theme,—Glimpses of Heaven. Revs. Geo. W. Kelly and B. B. Bryne also took part in the services. Cong. Quarterly, July, 1876, p. 419.

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JOSHUA EATON, in Bangor, Dec. 9, 1875, æt 73.

Mr. E. was born in Wilton, Franklin County, Me., February 4, 1802, where he resided, engaged chiefly in farm work, until he was twenty-one years of age. His early education was acquired in the schools at Wilton and Farmington; subsequently in Farmington and Bloomfield Academy, where he commenced fitting for college. His health failing him, he engaged in mercantile pursuits. In 1828 he became a Christian, and thought he had a call to the ministry. The way did not seem to open to enter upon the preparatory work, until 1835. He graduated from Bangor Seminary in 1839; supplied at East Orrington, Amherst and Aurora, Dixmont and Sebec, 1839-40; Dexter and Corinna, 1841-43; ordained Evangelist at Corinna, Dec. 1, 1841; Colporteur of the American Tract Society in Maine, 1844; Missionary in Hodgdon, New Limerick and Monticello, 1845-6; Lincoln and Patten, 1847; Burlington and Passadumkeag, 1848; Carroll, Springfield, Lee and Glenburne, 1849; Fort Fairfield, Presque Isle, Salmon Brook, 1850-1; Isle-au-haut, from Nov. 1851, where he supplied seventeen years. In 1872 he went to Granby, Vt., then returned to Maine,—his health permitting him to labor only occasionally in the State.

His great desire was to do good. Without prominent gifts, he presented in a clear and simple way, the saving truths of the Gospel, in the various fields of labor to which he was called. Funeral services were held in Bangor, Dec. 10, conducted by Rev. S. P. Fay; and at Wilton meeting-house, Dec. 11, in which Revs. J. McLean and Kimball took part. Remarks were made on the Christian's privileges, hopes and rewards. The body is deposited in the family tomb at Wilton. Cong. Quarterley, July, 1876, p. 424.

JONATHAN BAILEY CONDIT, in Auburn, New York, Jan. 1, 1876, æt 67.

Dr. C. was born in Hanover, N. J., Dec. 16, 1808. Graduated from Princeton College in 1827; Princeton Seminary, 1830. Ordained Pastor at Long Meadow, Mass., July, 1831. Professor of Rhetoric and English Literature in Amherst College, 1835, remaining until called to Portland, where he was installed as Pastor of the Second church, May 17, 1838; dismissed Dec. 9, 1845. He was much beloved by his people, and his labors were successful. He afterward became Pastor of the Second Presbyterian church, Newark, N. J. In 1851, appointed Professor in Lane Theological Seminary; and in 1855, Professor of Sacred Rhetoric and Oratory in Auburn Theological Seminary, remaining here until his death.

Dr. C. preached the sermon before the Maine Missionary Society, at Bath, in 1844.

"A man of the loveliest type of Christian character, reminding us of the disciple John, by the gentleness of his manner, the sweetness of his spirit, the holy serenity of his soul that appeared in his voice and conversation. He was a man to be loved. . . . In his long battle with disease, and through a long scene of suffering with others, his faith and patience have been proved to the glory of divine grace,—and his departure is mourned as the loss of a father and a friend."

Notice in Ch. Mirror, Jan. 29, April 1, 1876.

ROBERT PAGE, in West Farmington, Ohio, January 12, 1876, æt 86.

Mr. P. was a son of Robert and Abigail (Brown) Page, born in Readfield, Me., April 25, 1790. Prepared for College at Hallowell; graduated Bowdoin College, 1810; Andover Seminary, 1815. In 1816 he was commissioned by the Maine Missionary Society to supply in Bingham and vicinity, twelve weeks; Monmouth and vicin-

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ity, five weeks; in 1817, Wayne, Readfield, Vassalboro, Litchfield and Fayette, twenty-six weeks; in 1818, Monmouth, Readfield and Wayne, five weeks; in 1819, Hampden, seven weeks; 1820, Buckfield, twelve weeks; Readfield, Wayne, Monmouth and Williamsburg, each four weeks. He was ordained Pastor in Bradford, N. H., May 23, 1822; dismissed April 16, 1828; Durham, N. H., Dec. 3, 1828; dismissed March 31, 1831; Hanover, N. H., Oct. 5, 1831; dismissed May 9, 1833; Hardwick, Vt., 1833-1835. Installed Pastor at Levant, Me. (now Kenduskeag), July 15, 1835; dismissed July 30, 1844; he supplied at Lincoln in 1844; Old Town, Jan. 1844 to Jan. 1846; Carroll, Springfield and Lee, Oct. 24, 1847 to Sept. 16, 1849. He returned to New Hampshire, and was acting pastor at Hillsborough four years; Lempster, 1851-1856. He removed to Ohio in 1857, residing with a daughter at West Farmington, acting pastor to 1863, and without charge, to 1875. He spent eighteen months in Nebraska. "A good scholar, plain, practical, methodical, and an earnest preacher; a great reader; a lover of religious assemblies; constant in his attendance at church and prayer meetings, until within a short time of his death, when walking became difficult, and sight much impaired. His death was a triumphant Christian's death." Congregationalist, Feb. 2, 1876, and Ch. Mirror.

SIMEON HACKETT, in Temple, February 25, 1876, æt 80.

Mr. H. was born in Middleborough, Mass., Aug. 1, 1796. His parents removed to New Vineyard, Me., when he was about two years old. His early education was received in the District School. He taught school afterward in New Vineyard, Strong, New Portland and Farmington, during twelve successive winters. He then went to the State of New York, and taught for a season near Albany. Returning to his early home, he engaged for two or three years in agricultural pursuits. He became deeply impressed with the thought, that the Master, to whom he had consecrated himself at the age of thirteen years, had a work for him to do elsewhere, and he commenced preparing for the work of the ministry. He studied with Rev. David Thurston, at Winthrop, and was licensed by the Kennebec and Somerset Association, at New Sharon, May 6, 1829, Dr. Gillett, Moderator. After supplying several vacant pulpits in the vicinity of Farmington, he went to Temple, where he was acting pastor from June, 1829, and ordained Pastor, July 7, 1830; dismissed June, 1842; acting-pastor also from June 4, 1851, to Oct. 1, 1874. He was acting-pastor in Kingfield, 1830; New Portland and Wilton, 1831; Alna, 6 months in 1842; Dixfield, Dec., 1842, to June, 1844; installed Pastor in Sumner, March 12, 1845, preaching also in the adjoining towns of Hartford and Canton; he closed labors here in 1851, though not formally dismissed by Council until Aug. 29, 1866, when a successor was installed. From Oct. 1, 1857, to 1860, he supplied at New Vineyard. As noticed above, he resumed his labors in Temple, in 1851, at the earnest solicitation of the church. He pursued them with careful and prayerful solicitude, universally esteemed by all classes; faithfully serving his Master and his church, until compelled by age and declining health to close his labors, quietly awaiting the call to "come up higher." (Ob. Ch. Mirror, May 13.)

His wife, Mrs. Vesta H. (Stuart) Hackett, died a few years since. She had been a great support and aid to him in his labors, and her death had a depressing effect upon him. (D. A. C.)

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JOHN BOYNTON, in Felton, Delaware, March 1, 1876, æt 74.

Mr. B's native place was Wiscasset, born April 11, 1801. Graduate Bowdoin College, 1822; Andover Seminary, 1827. He devoted considerable time to teaching in early life, in which he was apt and successful. Ordained Pastor at Phipsburg, Sept. 19, 1827; dismissed June 10, 1840. While a member of Lincoln Conference, he prepared the Pastoral address, which was read at the meeting of that Conference in Waldoboro, Aug. 23, 1838. It was outspoken in regard to slavery and war. By vote of the Conference, it was printed and circulated among the churches. He resided in Wiscasset from 1841, about twenty years; at Richmond in 1861; Winthrop, 1862-3, devoting himself chiefly to farming. In 1857-8 he supplied the pulpit in Newcastle, First church; in 1859-60, at Brownfield and Hiram, and occasionally in other places. In 1864 removed to a farm in Felton, Delaware. He ministered occasionally to the Presbyterian church in that place. One motive Mr. B. had in removing to Delaware, was hoping he might be able to render aid to the fugitive slave, for whom he ever felt great interest.

Mr. B. died from the effects of a fall from a flight of stairs, on the second Sabbath in January last, while returning in the dark from his hour of private devotion, which in a Christian life of over sixty years, he never omitted. He lingered about six weeks, in great bodily anguish, but during all those painful days and nights, not a word did he utter of impatience or murmuring. The precious words of Scripture, so dear to him, were constantly dropping from his lips. While suffering in the pains of death, he said to his son, whose presence at his side he desired to retain greatly, "Duty to your church and to your family calls you away from here; congratulate me that I shall see the dear ones in heaven so soon,—and more than all, the face of Him, whom, not having seen, we love,—God be with you! God bless you! Farewell, till we meet there." These words were characteristic of the man. His whole life was exemplary; a pattern of meekness and affection. No one could long be in his presence without being conscious that he was in the presence of a man of God.

Ob. News, Milford, Del., Mar. 10—Ch. Mirror, Mar. 25—Cong. Mar. 15, 29.

THOMAS W. DUNCAN, in Nelson, N. H., May 5, 1876, æt 85.

Mr. D. was born in Antrim, N. H., March 3, 1791. He lived at home until he was twenty-one years of age; then commenced preparation for College. Graduated at Dartmouth College 1817; studied Theology with Revs. E. P. Bradford, of New Boston, Moses Bradford, of Francestown, and J. M. Whiton, D. D., of Antrim, N. H. Licensed to preach in 1819. Ordained Pastor at Exeter, N. H., in 1821. He began to preach in York, Second church, in June 1825, and was installed Pastor Nov. 9, 1825; dismissed Apr. 28, 1830, leaving York in the following Sept. Since that, he has supplied at Post Mills and W. Fairlee, Vt., 1830-33; Kirby and Burke, Vt., being installed Pastor at latter place in 1837, remaining two years; supplying a year in Norway and Fairfield, N. Y., and four years in Jasper, N. Y.—he returned in 1847 to Burke—subsequently preaching in Pittsfield and Arlington, Vt.; Windsor and Chilmarth, Mass., and Roxbury, N. H. In Nov. 1861, he moved to Nelson, N. H., where he resided with an adopted daughter (Mrs. Jewett Morse), until his death. Peacefully did he enter into his rest.

ANDREW JACKSON ROGERS, in Winooski, Vt., May 6, 1876, æt 42.

Mr. R. was a descendant from John Rogers, and was born in Medford, Mass., Nov. 10, 1834. Most of his early life was spent in Charlestown, Mass., where he

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made a profession of his faith in Christ at the age of fourteen years. For a time he was engaged in business at Suffolk Bank, Boston. He became deeply interested in Mission Sabbath Schools, and his thoughts and studies came to be turned toward the ministry. He graduated from Brown University, 1867, and from Andover Seminary in 1870. He was licensed to preach by the Andover Association, at Lancaster Mass. He commenced preaching at Concord, Mass., remaining until 1872. He commenced his labors as acting pastor of the Pavilion church, Biddeford, April 14, 1872, and was ordained Pastor July 10, 1873; dismissed Jan. 20, 1875. During his pastorate at Biddeford, seventy were added to the church on profession of their faith,—thirty-nine at one time. He left Biddeford in May, 1875, and preached in Jericho, Vt., and soon after at Underhill, Vt., "with signs following." Twenty-nine were added to the church, on profession of their faith, the Sabbath after his death.

Mr. R. died suddenly, of heart disease, induced by a severe cold and overwork. His end came in entire peace; he earnestly desired it, and he bowed his head as to sleep. . . . Besides being an able preacher, he developed a rare effectiveness in extempore preaching, and with his abounding affection, was fearless in rebuking wrong. Cong., May 17, Ch. Mirror, May 24.

EUGENE HENRY TITUS, July 21, 1876, in Georgetown, Mass., æt 41.

Mr. T. was born in Stockbridge, Vt., Nov. 16, 1834. Resided in Vermont fifteen years, and removed with the family to Boston, Mass. Was a member of Mt. Vernon Church. Prepared for college at Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass. Spent one year at Harvard College, and three years at Williams College, where he graduated in 1862; from Andover Seminary, graduated in 1865. He began his ministerial work at Georgetown, Mass., supplying the Memorial Church, during the last two years of his Seminary course. He was at Beverly, Mass., one year, 1866-67, during which time there was a great revival. Installed Pastor First Church, Bethel, Me., June 1, 1869; dismissed on account of his health, Dec. 6, 1870; at Farmington, N. H., 1872-73. His life and ministry was constantly hampered by ill health, but his labors were greatly blessed in the conversion of souls. Ob., Congregationalist, Aug. 2.

DAVIS ROBERT BARKER, in College Springs, Iowa, Oct. 22, 1875, æt 63.

Mr. B. was born in Hope, Me., July 16, 1813, and resided there until nineteen years of age, when he went with his parents, who were of the English Puritan stock, to Monroe, Ohio. Mr. B. graduated at Oberlin, 1843. He fulfilled his ministry in Ohio, four years; Pennsylvania, twenty-two years; and installed pastor, College Springs, Iowa, in 1870.

SAMUEL HOPKINS RIDDELL, in Des Moines, June 1, 1876, æt 76.

He was born in Bristol, Me., Jan. 2, 1800; son of Rev. Wm. Riddell, pastor of 1st Church, Bristol, 1796 to 1805, and who died at New Castle, 1829. He graduated at Yale College, in 1823; settled as pastor in Glastonbury, Mass., seven years; and subsequently editor of Evangelical Magazine, Conn.; Hartford Congregationalist, Quarterly Register, and Puritan Recorder. He was also Secretary and Agent of American Education Society.

ADDITIONAL NOTICES.

Rev. JOHN MURRAY, pastor in Boothbay, 1766 to 1778. In Ch. Mirror, Apr. 1, 1876, Lewiston Journal, Apr. 6. References to ASA CUMMINGS, JOHN MALTBY, and WILLIAM T. DWIGHT, by G. F. M., Ch. Mir., Jan. 15.

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Reminiscences of Revs. PEREZ CHAPIN, JOSIAH PEET, EDWARD PAYSON, and J. B. CONDIT, Ch. Mir. Apr. 1; and of Drs. E. GILLETT, and B. TAPPAN, Secretaries of Maine Missionary Society, by S. H. H., Ch. Mir., Apr. 22; of Fathers JOTHAM SEWALL, and JOHN SAWYER, by S. H. H., Ch. Mir., July 8, 1876; of Dr. TAPPAN, by Rev. T. L. Chipman, Ch. Mir., Aug. 12; of Laymen, by G. H. S., Ch. Mir., Aug. 12.

(Notice of Rev. Horace Toothaker in Cong. Quarterly, July, 1876, p. 433; died in Albany, Ga., March 1, 1875; Minutes, 1875, p. 37.)

NOTICES OF THE LAITY.

LUTHER EMERSON, in Parsonsfield, July 4, 1875, æt 93.

An efficient member of the Church in P., thirty-six years. One son is Rev. Chas. H. Emerson, and two daughters are wives of ministers (Revs. A. J. Bourne and C. Chapman.) Luther O. Emerson, another son, is a celebrated composer and teacher of music.

Dea. SYLVANUS SWEETSER, in North Yarmouth, July 23, æt 91.

In office thirty years. His Christian life was consistent. At councils and Conferences, he was one of the most frequent representatives of the church. An habitual attendant upon public worship, to within five or six years. Ob. Ch. Mir., Aug. 17.

Dea. ELISHA WADLEIGH, in Parsonsfield, August 4, æt 74.

Dr. HENRY L. K. WIGGIN, in Auburn, August 20, æt 55.

The beloved Christian physician for more than a quarter of a century. Discourse by Rev. A. P. Tinker, at funeral held in High street Church, Sabbath, A. M., Aug. 22. Lewiston Journal, Aug. 23.

EBEN CHAPMAN, in York, September 1, æt 80.

He united with the Church in York, forty-eight years since, and was at the time of his death, the oldest male member. (Ch. Mir., Sept. 14.)

Dea. GERSHOM HYDE, in Bath, September 11, æt 82.

Uniform, and winning, and fruitful, was his long and honored Christian life; threaded all through with golden threads of goodness and fidelity to the souls of men, and usefulness to the church. (G. F. M., and Ch. Mir., Jan. 15, 1876. R. P., in Cong. Quar., April, 1876, pp. 328–30.)

Dea. PIMENIO LIBBEY, in Limington, October 14, æt 84.

In office forty-six years. He was a firm defender of the faith, and especially of Calvinism and Infant Baptism. He was not absent from more than one communion season, and then because of sickness. His death was glorious. For six or eight hours before his departure, he, like Dea. Stephen, seemed to see the heavenly ones. Once he exclaimed,—and it seemed like starting back from the other shore,—"The eternal gates are wide open." (R. D. O., and Ch. Mir., Oct. 30.)

Dea. THOMAS B. TENNEY, in St. Albans, December 17, æt 76.

He came to St. Albans sixty years ago, when the town was a wilderness, and has been prominent in promoting the material, intellectual, moral, and religious interests of the region; a strict keeper of the Sabbath; a substantial, consistent Christian.

Dea. JOHN PARR, in Portland, January 8, 1876, æt 73.

Chosen Deacon of the Abyssinian Church twenty-one years ago;—"and has ever maintained a most consistent life, walk, and conversation."

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Dea. WILLAM CARLETON, in Rockport, January 9.

To be remembered and honored for his integrity, moral soundness, purity of character; his faithfulness as a Christian and office-bearer: as a husband, parent, and friend. "For him to live was Christ, and to die gain. (W. in Ch. Mir., Mar, 1876.)

Dea. CALVIN STARRETT, in Washington, February 17, æt 84.

One of the original members of the church in that place, and a ready helper, pecuniarily and otherwise, in the cause of Christ at all times. He held several offices of trust, and was ever found faithful. His Christian life was even and calm. Death came suddenly, but he was ready. His end was peace. (F. V. N., Ch. Mir., June 17.)

Dea. MERRILL SPURR (of Buxton,) in Harrison, February 21, æt 75.

While on a visit to friends in Harrison, he was called to his heavenly home. He had lived in Otisfield, until 1868, and was deacon of the church for many years. He was a discreet, patient, and faithful Christian worker; an acknowledged witness to the truths of the gospel. (J. K., Ch. Mir., Apr. 1.)

Dea. JOSEPH EATON LITTLEFIELD, in Bangor, February 24, 1876, æt 74.

He pursued the profession of a teacher of youth, with great enthusiasm, constancy and success. His influence as a Christian was marked, and its results are seen to this day. He was a member of Hammond street Church, Bangor, forty-two years, and an officer thirty-six years. His love for the sanctuary, the social prayer-meeting, the Sabbath School, and the fellowship of Christians, was constant; his counsels and prayers were fervent, and his desire for the prosperity of the Church was ardent.

Dea. WILLIAM SMITH, in Kennebunkport, March 22, æt 89.

In office forty-one years. He was the oldest man in town, and had been a member of the Church forty-nine years. He had been absent from only one communion season. He greatly loved God's house. As life ebbed away, and reason grew feeble, he could then pray intelligently, and quote hymns dear to him in early life. His was a well balanced Christian character; symmetrical and beautiful. He was esteemed by all. If he never had great fervor, he was never lukewarm. His friends have lost a beloved father and counselor; and the church its patriarch. (C. H. G., Ch. Mir., Apr. 1.)

LEONARD CHAMBERLAIN, in Bristol, March 24, æt 76.

For a long period Clerk of the Church. (L. D. E., Ch. Mir., Apr. 1.)

WILLIAM THOMPSON, in Limington, May 27, æt 100 years, 7 months, and 23 days.

He was a meek and ready Christian, and an honest man by general report, and was beloved by the youth. He was present at one meeting during the revival last winter, and exhorted all to turn to God, and Christians to be faithful. His centennial birthday was observed Oct. 4, 1875. (See York Conference.) He desired to die suddenly and before becoming helpless. His prayer was answered, for his faculties were remarkably continued, and he walked unassisted through four rooms but a few moments before his death. (R. D. O.)

Hon. SAMUEL PAGE BENSON, in Yarmouth, Aug. 12, 1876, æt 70.

Mr. B. was Moderator of Cumberland Conference in 1872–3; for several years President of the Board of Overseers in Bowdoin College. He was representative to the State Legislature in 1834–6; Secretary of State, 1838–41; representative in Congress, elected in 1853 and 1855.

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REPORTS.

ATTENDANCE UPON PUBLIC WORSHIP.

Early in the season, the committee appointed to collect statistics with reference to the number in attendance upon public worship, sent out some four hundred circulars and cards of inquiry to as many towns of the State. About one hundred and forty of these cards have been returned with answers more or less complete. The returns from one hundred and twenty-seven cities and towns, as tolerably full, are used in this report. These show such uniformity in the attendance of evangelical churches, it is presumed that a fair basis is afforded for a general report. Only the results of the comparisons made can be given in this paper.

The Committee have made a tabular view of returns from fifteen Counties, footing up as follows: Number of towns reported, one hundred and twenty-seven; greatest attendance on Congregational churches, twenty thousand four hundred and seventy-three; ditto other evangelical churches, thirty-six thousand nine hundred and nine; average attendance on the former, thirteen thousand and seventy-three; ditto on the latter, twenty-two thousand and forty-seven; attendance on non-evangelical churches, nine thousand two hundred. Total number of inhabitants in these towns, two hundred and thirty-four thousand one hundred and sixteen; number of places of worship, four hundred and sixty-three.

From these figures we gather the following facts:

1. The greatest attendance upon evangelical public worship is less than one-fourth of the people; and the average attendance is less than one-sixth.

2. At the best attendance, less than one-third of the people are found in all the places of worship; and on the average, less than a fifth worship anywhere.

3. The attendance upon evangelical worship is quite as good in the rural towns as in the cities and large villages.

4. The proportion of attendance at non-evangelical places of worship is small and scarcely anything in country towns. It has its chief support from the denser population.

5. A larger proportion of Catholics than of Protestants attend the Sabbath services. Their services are often repeated with different audiences.

6. The places of worship can accommodate one-half of all the people at the same hour.

A town of two thousand two hundred people has comfortable church sittings for one thousand four hundred; and it could open two vestries, a Young Men's Christian Association room, and three or four halls. But the best attendance here is six hundred and ninety-five; and the average is four hundred and eighty. A city, whose churches ought to seat two thousand five hundred, or more, returns the greatest attendance for all denominations, nine hundred and seventy-five; and the average,

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five hundred and fifty, with the doubt whether *this* were not an over-estimate. Then it is not houses of worship that are needed.

These facts show a sad neglect of the means of grace offered to the people. It arises from the natural depravity of the heart, from a general skepticism, and from indifference to spiritual things, as well as from lack of faithfulness on the part of Christians. The church does better than she has the credit for doing.

It is not easy to answer the inquiry, How shall this neglect of the sanctuary be remedied? Perhaps Christians should endeavor to be more constant and zealous in their worship, as our fathers were; and to train their children to go with them, and sit with them, as our fathers did. Perhaps Christians should become servants, to go out into the highways and invite and urge the people to come and fill their pews. Perhaps strangers or new-comers might be recognized more promptly and cordially. Perhaps the sittings in our churches should be free, that we may offer a free gospel. Perhaps the ministers of the Word need more of the apostolic spirit, more of simplicity and directness and unction and pungency in their preaching.

Under the power and aid of the divine Spirit, which is promised and will be present, let God's ambassadors give their messages with the earnestness of a Finney, and the faithfulness of a Kirk, and the directness of a Moody, and the devotion of a Payson, and there will be audiences to hear.

But our bald statistics may give a wrong impression. The case is bad enough! And yet Maine is not a heathenish State. It is not *true* that only a small proportion of her people are reached by the influence of the gospel. And this will appear to the thoughtful mind.

1. Those in the house of God represent many others. A pastor of an ordinary country village church, says, "Our best attendance is two hundred, but this represents six hundred. The best attendance at the Methodist church is two hundred, and this represents seven hundred. By various services two pastors reach about all the people of the town, of one thousand seven hundred inhabitants. Three hundred and seventy-five children go to three Sabbath Schools; and two hundred and thirty attend on the average, from five hundred and thirty-five children in the town." This is true of many towns which report only a small actual attendance upon the public Sabbath services. A town of four hundred and eighty-eight inhabitants returns, "Best attendance, one hundred and seventy-five; average, one hundred and fifteen; Sabbath School, one hundred and seventy. Benevolent contributions over $400 a year." This community is reached by one pastor.

2. Many who are identified with a church and society are unable to attend public worship. Some are too old; some are too young; some are too feeble; some must care for these; and some are too far from the place of meeting. And so it happens that many who love Zion, and pray for her prosperity, can never enter the gates of her courts. But the home-circle feels the influence of her example and instruction and prayers. Verily it will be found at the last, that the supplications of the lone and languid sick one often reached the sanctuary "by the way of heaven," and gave point and power to the devotions and the preaching.

3. Some system of district work often reaches a large proportion of those at a distance from the centers of church work. The gospel brought to them so often, satisfies, at least, till they are converted. One reporter appends this: "The above figures are for the village, and do not include the school districts outside." Another

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notes this: "Services are conducted by the Congregationalist and the Methodist pastors, in two or three out stations." In some places Christian laymen reach every outside district in the course of the year, sometimes holding Sabbath evening meetings, and sometimes holding a series of week-day meetings, which result in many conversions. The State canvass of the Y. M. C. Association has been signally blessed in bringing souls to Christ. And the Maine Missionary Society reaches annually many destitute places, where otherwise there would be no gospel privileges.

4. The Bible is in almost every home. Our State is frequently canvassed by the Bible distributor, and no house need be without a part or the whole of the Scriptures. By its simple presence, the Bible, as the church spire, speaks of God, and of Jesus, and of salvation.

5. There is a time when even the careless and worldly are reached; when sickness comes, and death enters the homes, the thoughts turn to serious things. A good brother writes: "I doubt whether a case of bodily sickness occurs here, and still less a dying scene, in which there are not found some praying Christian men or women, who carry Christ to the bedsides of the sick, and whisper his blessed name in the ears of the dying, with many prayers to God in their behalf. And so it comes to pass that the Word of God is everywhere preached 'from house to house' to those unhappy ones who never hear it from the pulpit; and especially in those hours of trial and affliction, when their hearts are the softest and most ready to receive it."

Then, though our canvass of this matter reveals a sad condition of things with regard to the public worship of God on the Sabbath, and calls for our most earnest prayers and endeavors, we may comfort ourselves that the church of Christ, and the preached gospel, is the leaven thrown into the mass of our population, which is working surely, and will eventually leaven the whole lump. My word "shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." All true preachers, as did Moses and the prophets and Christ and his apostles, aim to establish the kingdom of God on earth; and they look forward to the time when it will be said "the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ."

J. E. ADAMS,
J. W. H. BAKER,
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CHARLES WHITTIER.
} Committee.

REPORT OF THE VISITING COMMITTEE

TO THE

BANGOR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, 1876.

The past year has been one of prosperity to the Seminary. The number of students has been comparatively large. The examinations which your Committee attended were well sustained, giving evidence of faithful teaching, and hard study. The more *public* exercises of the

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students gave assurance of thorough preparation to go forth as ambassadors of Christ, and that they will commend themselves to the people as scribes well instructed in the things of the kingdom.

The teaching force of the Seminary has been augmented by the entrance of Professor Sewall on the duties of his professorship. He has already justified the wisdom of the Trustees in appointing him to this important professorship.

The Seminary has an able Board of Instruction in all the departments of sacred learning, and it is to be hoped that the efforts of other institutions to rob it of any of its jewels will not be successful.

The financial condition of the Seminary is in most respects satisfactory. Its endowment fund of about one hundred and eighty thousand dollars, has been slightly increased the past year. Some of its investments have increased in value, and none are worth less than they originally cost.

From the statement of the Treasurer, it appears that the average annual income of the entire endowment is seven and one-half per cent, a good showing for these times of financial disaster, indicating care, fidelity and wisdom in those who have charge of its material interests. That the Seminary, however, may have permanent and progressive prosperity, and keep abreast, if not in advance, of other institutions of a similar purpose, it is needful that the friends of sacred learning should devise liberal things to enlarge its power for good, so that our cherished Seminary as it has been in the past, may be increasingly in the future, a fountain of healing to our State, and Country, and the World.

In behalf of the Committee, S. TENNEY.

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FACULTY.

Rev. ENOCH POND, D. D., President.....1832
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Rev. LEVI LEONARD PAINE, D. D., WALDO Professor of Ecclesiastical History..1871
Rev. JOHN SMITH SEWALL, A. M., FOGG Professor of Sacred Rhetoric, and Oratory.....1875

Term commences Sept. 21, 1876,—fifteen weeks from the Anniversary,—which is held on the Thursday following the first Wednesday in June. Examination of classes, and Society addresses, on Tuesday and Wednesday previous.

At the Semi-Centennial anniversary of the Seminary in 1870, Dr. Pond delivered the Historical Address,—which was published in pamphlet form.

The following note was received from Dr. Pond in response to a request for a brief notice for this Semi-Centennial number of the Minutes. His constant and earnest efforts from 1832 to sustain the Institution, has been an important element in its efficiency and usefulness.

The Bangor Theological Seminary received its charter from the Legislature of Massachusetts in 1814. It commenced operations in 1816. It held its first anniversary in 1820, when six young men graduated, and became preachers of the gospel. Among these were Nathaniel Chapman, long pastor of the church in Camden; and Elijah Jones, still longer pastor of the church in Minot. For the next ten years, the Seminary, though in a pinched and precarious condition, continued in operation, and sent forth sixty ministers of the gospel, some of whom remain to this day shining lights in our churches, and blessings to the world.

In the spring of 1831, the only remaining Professor, Dr. John Smith, died, and most of the students were scattered. It seemed doubtful whether the Seminary would revive. But the Trustees, deeply feeling its necessity to the destitute churches and missionary fields in Maine, re-organized it in 1832, since which time it has been in constant and successful operation. In these forty years it has sent into the great field more than five hundred ministers, the most of whom are now living and laboring in different parts of the world. The most of them are settled pastors or missionaries in Maine and in other parts of the United States; some are secretaries and agents; some are connected with colleges and other educational establishments; while many are laboring as missionaries in different parts of the heathen world. Together they constitute a strong body of *working men*, who are doing what they can for the advancement of Christ's kingdom and the salvation of souls.

May this sacred Seminary, founded and sustained by the prayers and benefactions of God's people, still remain, and go down with increasing strength and usefulness to millennial times, and even to the end of the world.

FIFTY-SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SEMINARY....1876.

June 5.—Monday evening.—Anniversary of the Rhetorical Society in Central Church. Devotional exercises, Rev. Amory H. Tyler, of Monson. Orations by two members each from the Junior and Middle classes. Charles A. Maine, of Stillwater,

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N. J., "Newspapers;" Lewis J. Thomas, of Wilkesbarre, Pa., "What elements has christianity added to civilization;" J. H. Hoffman, of Lyndon, Vt., "A century of civil and religious liberty;" Fletcher A. Valentine, of Yonkers, N. Y., "Foibles." Four selections of music were given during the evening, by the Penobscot Quartette, "Praise song," by Manser; the Lord's Prayer, a Gregorian Chant; "The Lord is my Shepherd;" "Zion's Watchmen." Benediction by Dr. Talcott.

June 6.—Tuesday.—9 to 11 A. M. Examination of the Junior class in Biblical Literature, by Professor Talcott. 11 to 12.30 P. M.—Examination of the Middle class in Church History, by Professor Paine.

Afternoon.—Examination of the Senior class in Homiletics, by Professor Sewall. 3.30 to 5.30, examination of the Senior class in Church History, by Professor Paine.

Evening.—Address before the Rhetorical Society, by Prof. J. Henry Thayer, of Andover Theological Seminary, in the First Church. *Theme.*—Misconceptions concerning the Scriptures. Devotional exercises by Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath. Singing by the congregation. Organ voluntary and accompaniment, by Mr. F. S. Davenport. Benediction by Professor Barbour.

June 7.—Wednesday.—9.30 A. M.—Examination of the Middle class in Theology, by Professor Barbour.

Afternoon.—3 P. M.—The services connected with the Inauguration of Rev. JOHN SMITH SEWALL, as Professor of Sacred Rhetoric and Oratory, were held in Hammond Street Church. 1. Organ voluntary, by Mrs. F. S. Davenport. 2. The choir of the church, Miss Blaisdell, Mrs. Sawtelle, Messrs. Silsby and Alden, sung "Fountain of Grace," by Von Weber. 3. The President of the Board of Trustees, Rev. Stephen Thurston, of Searsport, referred to the action of the Trustees in reference to the appointment and to the acceptance of the same, after which he led in prayer.

Professor Sewall then signed the Confession of Faith, as required by the Rules, and the President duly inaugurated him into the office.

The theme of Professor Sewall's inaugural address was—Three necessary conditions of the preacher's power,—intense convictions of truth, an earnest purpose, and faithful training. Each point illustrated with an example of its remarkable development, selected from history. 1. St. Augustine, the African Bishop of Hippo. 2. The Dominican Monk of Florence, Savonarola. 3. Chrysostom, or the Golden Mouth.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Benjamin Tappan, of Norridgewock; and Benediction by Dr. Thurston.

A meeting of the Alumni was held at the close of the exercises. Rev. Henry V. Emmons, of Hallowell, (Alumnus, 1859,) was chosen President; Professor John S. Sewall, of Bangor, (Alumnus, 1858,) Secretary.—Rev. George E. Adams, Professor of Sacred Literature, in the Seminary, from 1826-29, has died during the year, in Orange, N. J., Dec. 25, 1875, æt 74. Samuel Stone, (Alumnus, 1820,) and Joshua Eaton, (1839,) have also died, the former at Falmouth, the latter in Bangor. James Worthington Wilson, of the Middle class, has also deceased. Rev. Irving D. Adkinson, who was in the Seminary, 1869, and Pastor West Concord, N, H., from 1874, died in West Concord, Feb. 25, 1875, æt 37.—Mrs. Deborah R., wife of Prof. Samuel Harris, D. D., died in South Manchester, Conn., July 25, 1876, æt 60.

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Rev. Crosby H. Wheeler, from Harpoot, Turkey, (Alumnus, 1852,) was among those present, and his associates were glad to greet him.

A committee was chosen to provide for a special meeting of the Alumni next year, and report as to what measures shall be adopted to promote the welfare of the Seminary.

A re-union of the class of 1846 was held during the week.

Evening.—Exercises of the Graduating Class in Central Church.

Organ voluntary, Mr. F. S. Davenport.

Prayer by Dr. Pond. Music by the choir of Hammond Street Church. "The Lord my pasture shall prepare," from Guglielmo, followed at intervals during the evening by "Palm Branches," by I. Faure, sung by Miss Blaisdell; and the Hymn, "My God, permit me not," by F. Abt.

Addresses by the Class: "The death of Coligny," Fred de Bos, of Paris, France; "Evidences of design in nature," Jonathan Edwards, of Trelyn, Wales; "The formation of character," Charles Edwin Fitz, of Manchester, N. H.; "Innocent III," George Henry Johnson, of Cambridge, Mass.; "Moral Courage," David Lewis Jones, of Pencader, Wales; "Silent Forces," Dugald McGregor, of Manilla, Ont.; "Chrysostom as a Preacher," Osgood Wyman Rogers, of Windham; "The Welsh Bards," David Talog Williams, of Pencader, Wales; "A man may well despair who counts himself so needful to success," G. Haywood Wilson, of Salem, Mass.

Warren F. Bickford, of Newburg, was excused from speaking;—his theme,—Church and State.

The Diplomas were presented by Dr. Pond, prefaced with a few timely and fatherly words, expressing the interest of the Faculty in the future welfare of the class.

Singing by the congregation,—"Ye Christian heralds! go proclaim."

Prayer was offered by Rev. E. S. Atwood, of Salem, Mass.

Benediction by Professor Talcott.

During the past year, the clergymen of Bangor have given familiar talks with the students on topics pertaining to a pastor's life. Rev. James H. Ecob, of Augusta, gave a lecture Dec. 13. Dr. Calvin Seavey, of Bangor, gave several lectures on practical points in medicine and anatomy. Dr. H. F. Hanson, of Bangor, a lecture on "Body and Mind."

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HENRY LELAND CHAPMAN, A.M., Professor of Rhetoric, Oratory, and English Literature.

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Fall Term commences Thursday, Sept. 28, 1876. Commencement Day, Thursday, July 12, 1877.

The Reading Room is fully furnished with newspapers and magazines, and it is now a first-class Reading Room.

The "Praying Circle" of the College was instituted July 22, 1815, and meets Sabbath morning. These meetings are open to all who desire to attend. The object of this association is: "The religious edification of its members, the promotion of vital godliness in the College, and prayer for the universal spread of the gospel."

Commencement morning, a prayer-meeting was held under direction of the Bowdoin Praying Circle. The interest attending this meeting justifies it as a permanent arrangement.

BACCALAUREATE DISCOURSE, Sabbath afternoon, July 9, 1876, by PRESIDENT CHAMBERLAIN. *Text*, Psalm 137: 5. "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning." The sentiment is loyalty—referring to law; is intelligent; involves a distinct choice of its object; rests in principles and not in forms; and is abiding.

Monday, 3 P. M., July 10.—Prize declamation by the Junior class. Twelve speakers. First prize to J. A. Roberts, Andover; second, to R. E. Peary, Portland.

Tuesday, 3 P. M., July 11.—Class-day exercises. *Evening*—Promenade Concert.

Wednesday, 9 A. M., July 12.—Seventieth anniversary of the Alumni. Professor Egbert C. Smyth, of Andover, *President;* Professor Jotham B. Sewall, of Brunswick, *Secretary*.

3 P. M.—Address by ex-President Thomas Hill, of Portland. *Theme.*—Philosophy higher than science. Prayer, by the Chaplain, Rev. Rowland B. Howard, of New York.

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Evening.—Concert.—Miss Cary, Mrs. Smith, Mr. M. W. Whitney, and Philharmonic Club.

Thursday, A. M., July 13.—Addresses by the graduating class, numbering forty-two. Twelve speakers.

P. M.—Remarks at the dinner by President Chamberlain, Gov. Connor, Gov. Merrill, of Iowa, Hon. J. C. Talbot, Gen. C. W. Roberts, of Bangor, Dr. G. T. Gilman, and Charles A. Lord, of Portland, Hon. E. W. Farley, H. A. True, Hon. John C. Dodge, of Boston, Rev. Dr. E. P. Parker, of Hartford, Judge Morrill, of Auburn, and Prof. Smythe, of Andover. The President read an inscription by Professor Longfellow, prepared for the Cleaveland Tablet.

Evening.—Reception at the President's house.

Friday, A. M., July 14.—Annual meeting of the Phi Beta Kappa, and also of the Maine Historical Society.

During the week, the class of 1856 held its bi-decennial re-union.—There was also a re-union of the classes of 1851 and 1872.

Henry T. Furber, of New York, gave $5,000 to establish a Smythe Honorary Scholarship.

The degree of LL.D., conferred on David Humphreys Storer, M. D., of Boston. Honorary degree of A.M., on Prof. George L. Vose, of Brunswick; Dr. Yorch G. Hurd, of Ipswich, Mass.; Rev. Albert Cole, of Cornish.

The Boards voted to establish the Longfellow Professorship. The Board of Overseers elected Hon. John C. Dodge, LL.D., of Salem, Mass., President, in place of Hon. Seth E. Benson, resigned. [Mr. B. died in Yarmouth, Me., Aug. 12, 1876, æt 70.]

The $100,000 endowment fund has been completed. An effort is to be made to fill up the Memorial Hall fund.

The College has received from Mrs. Margaret Elton, of Boston, the celebrated collection of geological and mineralogical specimens formerly belonging to her mother, the late Mrs. Frederic Allen, of Gardiner. These are over one thousand in number, and occupy an entire alcove in the rooms of the Cleaveland Cabinet, fitted for the College by the generosity of Hon. P. W. Chandler, of Boston.

A sketch of Bowdoin College, by G. T. Packard, is published in Scribner's Monthly, for May, 1876. It contains portraits of Presidents McKeen, Appleton, the first and second President; of President Chamberlain, Professor Cleaveland, and twelve other illustrations.

Rev. David Shepley, D.D., of Providence, R. I., read at a meeting of ministers in that city, Oct. 4, 1875, an interesting history which he had prepared of the class of 1825, in Bowdoin College, of which he was a member. Longfellow, Cheever, Abbott, and others, were at the semi-centennial anniversary of the class at Brunswick last year. The paper is published in the Providence Journal, Oct. 23, 1875.

HALLOWELL CLASSICAL AND SCIENTIFIC ACADEMY.

Incorporated February 8, 1872.

The Trustees of this School assured by the success of the past year, and by the favor with which its advanced courses of study have been received, commend the Institution anew to the favor and attention of all interested in the higher education of the youth of our State.

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Miss SARAH H. ALLEN, Drawing and Painting.
Miss ANNA T. LINCOLN, Matron of Ladies' Boarding Hall.
Miss H. F. CHARLES, Matron of Gentlemen's Boarding Hall.

EQUIPMENTS.—A suitable boarding-house has been provided for the accommodation of the young men, while the large and elegant building recently erected, will be appropriated to the use of the young ladies. The building is lighted by gas, and heated by steam throughout, furnished with bathing rooms, and abundantly supplied with pure spring water. The Scientific Department is furnished with new and extensive apparatus.

The lady principal resides in the hall with the young ladies, and has special supervision of their deportment, while the assistant male teacher lives in the young men's boarding hall, and has the same care over its inmates.

CALENDAR FOR 1876-7.

The School year is divided into three terms; the fall consisting of twelve; the winter of fourteen; and the spring term of thirteen weeks.

FALL TERM.—Begins Tuesday, Sept. 2, 1876. Closes Tuesday, Nov. 28, 1876. Vacation of one week.

WINTER TERM.—Begins Tuesday, Dec. 5, 1876. Closes Tuesday, Mar. 13, 1877. Vacation of two weeks.

SPRING TERM.—Begins Tuesday, March 27, 1877. Closes Thursday, June 21, 1877.

Attendance the past year, one hundred and eight.

For further information address the Principal, or the Secretary, Rev. H. F. HARDING, Hallowell, Me.

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Fifty-two auxiliaries were reported in Minutes last year, page 84. Eight have been organized this year, viz.:—Bethel, First Ch., July, 1875; Farmington, October, 1875; Foxcroft and Dover, May 15, 1876; Lewiston, April, 1876; East Machias, Nov., 1875; New Castle, July 4, 1875; Oxford, Jan., 1876; Sherman Mills, December, 1875.

Whole number of auxiliaries, sixty; Mission Circles among the young, thirty,—four of whom were organized the past year:—Bangor, First Ch.; Farmington, "Willing Workers;" Machias; Skowhegan, "Helping Hands."

Receipts from all for the year, $3,064.21.

Meeting of the State Auxiliary, in Augusta, June 29, 1876, (see p. 27.)

The pledged work for the year entered upon, is the support of the School at Mardin, Eastern Turkey,—Mrs. Andrus, Miss Sears, and Miss Pratt, teachers; the School at Badesag, Western Turkey, Miss Farnham, teacher; and the School, Unzumbi, South Africa, under the care of Mrs. Bridgman, Miss Pinkerton, and Miss Welch. Besides this, much is expected to be done in aid of the general work of the Woman's Board of Missions.

CONGREGATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF THE UNITED STATES.—Organized Nov. 17, 1871. Meets Triennially.

Met in Oberlin, Nov. 17, 1871—New Haven, Sept. 30, 1874.

Gen. Association of New Hampshire	Littleton	Sept. 11, 1876
General Convention of Vermont	Rutland or Bradford,	June 19, 1877
Gen. Asso. of Cong'l Chs. of Massachusetts	Chelsea	June 19, 1877
Gen. Conference of Cong'l Chs. of Connecticut	New Haven	Nov. 9, 1876

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Rhode Island Cong'l Conference	Westerly	June 12, 1877
Gen. Association of New York	Lockport	Oct. 17, 1876
Gen. Association of New Jersey	Williamsport, Pa	Oct. 10, 1876
Gen. Association of Michigan	Ann Harbor	May 16, 1877
Ohio Congregational Conference		June 13, 1877
Gen. Asso. of Cong'l Chs. and Ministers, Indiana	Fort Wayne	May 10, 1877
Gen. Association of Illinois	Sterling, Whiteside Co.	May 22, 1877
Gen. Asso. of Cong'l Chs. in Missouri	St. Joseph	Oct. 19, 1876
Gen. Association of Iowa	Des Moines	May 29, 1877
Gen. Cong'l Conference of Minnesota	Austin	Oct. 12, 1876
Pres. and Cong'l Convention of Wisconsin	Oskosh	Sept. 28, 1876
Gen. Asso. of Cong'l Ministers and Chs. in Kansas	Manhattan	June 6, 1877
Cong'l Gen. Asso. of Oregon		June, 1877
Cong'l Association of California	Gilroy	Oct. 3, 1876

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Connecticut, General Association, Plainville, June 19, 1877.

Dakota, General Association, Yankton, Oct. 19, 1876.

Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, and Mississippi, Central South Conference, Chattanooga, Tenn., Nov. 9, 1876.

South Western Conference—Louisiana.

Kentucky State Association of Christian Churches and Ministers.

Nebraska, Congregational Association, Kearney, Oct. 26, 1876.

Texas, Congregational Conference, Goliad, July 5, 1877.

Pennsylvania Welsh Eastern Asso., Mahoney, Sept., 1876. Pennsylvania Welsh Western Asso., Wilmington, Sept. 12, 1876.

Cong'l Asso. of Western Pennsylvania, and West Virginia, connected with the Ohio Congregational Conference.

Maryland, Virginia, and District of Columbia, in General Asso. of New Jersey.

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Idaho, and Washington Territory, in Congregational Gen. Asso. of Oregon.

Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, St. John, N. B., Sept. 8, 1876.

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Twenty-third Annual Report in Cong. Quarterly, July, 1876.

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Nearly all hold meetings and Sunday Schools on the Sabbath, and meetings during the week. The Portland Association publish "The Helping Hand," a monthly paper, for young and old.

Nine annual State Conventions have been held. Next Convention in Saco, Oct. 6, 7, 8, 1876.

District Conventions were held in 1875, at Bridgton, Aug. 13—15, and at Bath, Sept. 18, 19.

At the State Convention at Lewiston, in 1875, $1,000 was subscribed to sustain a series of Union Gospel Meetings. Mr. F. E. Shaw, of Portland, was selected to superintend the work, which began Nov. 20, 1875, and continued with but few days intermission, to May 20, 1876, during which time the young men visited thirty-five towns; held four hundred and sixty-one meetings, in twenty-three Congregational churches, sixteen Methodist, eight Baptist, ten Free Baptist, and seven Christian Baptist, resulting in one thousand and fifty-five persons taking a stand for Christ. About thirty young men participated in the work, representing five denominations.

Thanksgiving Day, State and National, November 25, 1875.

State Fast, April 20, 1876.

The returns of the Churches to be made up to, and include the first Sabbath in May of each year,—to be forwarded to the Scribe of the County or Local Conference, during the *week following*. The Report of the Local Conference, to be forwarded by the Reporter, or Scribe, to the Corresponding Secretary of the General Conference, on or before the first day of June. (See page 124 of the Minutes for 1871.)

By vote of the Conference, one copy of the Minutes (including the Maine Missionary Reports and Sermon,) is sent to each minister, and one to each church in the Conference, by mail, pre-paid. It would be desirable to keep one copy permanently with the records of the church, for preservation, and for reference. Extra copies will be furnished at fifty cents per copy; three for $1.25; or six for $2, which will also include the postage. Apply to E. F. Duren, Bangor, Chairman of the Committee of Publication.

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BY

Rev. Professor ALPHEUS S. PACKARD, D. D.

OF BOWDOIN COLLEGE,

AT THE

SEMI-CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

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1 Samuel vii. 12. Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Eben-ezer, saying, Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.

Eben-ezer means "The stone of help," and it was set up, as we know, to commemorate a great deliverance of Israel in a day of battle. It was to be a perpetual reminder to the people that it was not their strength which had gotten them the victory, but the same good hand of God upon them which had brought them out of the land of bondage, had opened the sea for them to pass through, had guided them in the wilderness, had given them the words of his law amid the lightnings and thunders of Sinai, and then the promised land for a possession.

As we now commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of this General Conference of our churches, though we boast not of victories or triumphs, yet, as we take note of the way we have been led, we may well set up our Eben-ezer and say, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." It is well to remind ourselves that whatever progress is made by the Redeemer's cause is the result of a conflict more or less severe. Scarcely one of our churches, it may be, but can recall seasons of discouragement, it may be almost of despair, out of which it has been brought, its membership cannot but feel, by the guidance and blessing of the great Head. So that it becomes us to unite, as the heart of one man, in thanksgiving and praise to "Him from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works proceed."

A few historical statements concerning the origin of this General Conference will suffice for this occasion.

The first County Conference like our own in the State, and the first anywhere of Congregational churches, was organized at Buxton, York

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County, Oct. 1, 1822. Our honored brother, Hon. Ether Shepley, then resident in Saco, was a delegate and on the committee to organize the body. In a paper communicated to the Penobscot Conference in March of last year he made a statement of the motives which prompted the new movement, and they were, to institute an organization by which the churches might be brought to know each other's condition, a livelier sympathy be awakened in each other's welfare, and thus they be quickened, animated, and strengthened in their work.

In December, 1822, a few weeks only after the York Conference was formed, the Cumberland County Conference was organized at Gorham. It is interesting to recall the fact, that the preacher on that occasion was the eminent Rev. Edward Payson, D. D., pastor of the Second Church of this city.

At a meeting of delegates in Falmouth, December, 1824, from the three conferences of York, Cumberland, and Oxford (Oxford had then formed the third conference of the State), these delegates having been appointed to meet at that place and consider the subject of a General Conference of the churches in the State, a report was made favoring such an organization, and a constitution drawn which received the signatures of Jonathan Greenleaf and Ether Shepley, from York; Asa Rand and Samuel Stephenson, from Cumberland; and Allen Greeley, from Oxford. The draft of the constitution having been submitted to the several conferences, and also to ministerial associations where county conferences had not been formed, delegates met at Portland, January 10, 1826, at the vestry of Dr. Payson's church, to form a General Conference. An organization was then effected by choosing Rev. Dr. Edward Payson moderator, and Rev. Seneca White, of Lincoln, scribe. Rev. Charles Freeman, of the York Conference, was appointed to preach, and Rev. Allen Greeley and Rev. Seneca White to offer prayers on the occasion. Mr. Freeman discoursed from the well-chosen text, 1 Cor. xii. 27. Meetings of the body were held subsequently in the forming period during the year in Minot, Kennebunkport, Westbrook; in Portland, Jan., 1827, and at Hallowell, June 26, when, the constitution, as amended, being adopted substantially as it now stands, Rev. Benjamin Tappan was chosen Moderator for three years, Rev. Asa Cummings, Corresponding Secretary, and the Conference fairly set forth on its way.

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A few words as to the advance made and changes which have passed during these fifty years. At the annual meeting 1828, eight county conferences, all that had then been constituted, were represented. There were one hundred and thirty churches in the State, seventy-eight ministers, seven thousand six hundred and eighty-five members. At our last annual meeting the number of county conferences was fourteen, number of churches two hundred and forty-two, and the number of communicants nineteen thousand seven hundred and ninety-two.

A personal reminiscence may not be out of place as illustrating the point of progress. In the early summer of 1818 the speaker spent a Sabbath in Bangor. There was at that date no church-edifice in the village. Public worship was held in the court-house, and was conducted by one of the two professors of our Theological Seminary then in its infantile and small beginnings at Hampden, Prof. Ashmun, soon to become the energetic president of the colony of Liberia. There was no church building above Bangor on the Penobscot or its tributaries. I suppose we have in our assembly to-day representatives from four or five county conferences from that region alone; and thus have we one grateful evidence of rapid and extensive growth, so marvelous in the eyes of an inhabitant of the old world; material progress in the main, it is true; but have we not occasion to lift up our hearts in thanksgiving, that, through the good hand of God upon the former and present generations, the kingdom of Christ our Lord has in such measure kept pace with the kingdom of this world, and to say: "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

The plan of county and state conferences, I have already said, is a device of our own. I cannot doubt that I express the universal sentiment, that the project has proved eminently successful. They have been, we know, so wisely conducted as to give a character to the meetings creditable in the highest degree, commended as model occasions of the sort, and their methods have been adopted in other states. Details of business have not been allowed to interfere with their special religious design. Without ecclesiastical or judicial authority, they have proved efficient means of suggesting, inculcating, and urging Christian duty. The fields of Christian work have been spread out before us year by year, the methods of working them and the progress made in such work; and zeal, energy, faith, and hope have been awakened, en-

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couraged, and confirmed. Who has returned from any one of these annual convocations without new impulse and courage for what the Master has laid upon him in his own special field of labor?

I judge that the prominent thought suggested by the occasion is the influence which the organization, effected fifty years ago, has exerted on us as individuals and as churches. We have seen what prompted the formation of the York Conference, as testified by our revered brother Judge Shepley. The main object of this General Conference, as set forth in the Falmouth report proposing such an organization, was, to "*draw closer the bonds of Christian union and thus exert an important influence upon the future prosperity of the cause of Christ.*"

Has not the experience of these fifty years proved that the fathers were not unduly sanguine in their hopes and expectations? And here let it be noticed, that they only obeyed the social instinct of our nature. Whatever be our relation or calling in life, the recluse is at disadvantage. We are so constituted that sympathy, mutual conference, co-operation, comparison of methods and opinions, of conclusions and experiences, contribute to awaken energies, open new channels, suggest new means, familiarize us with difficulties and hindrances, encourage work, foster enterprise, impart fertility in devices, and thus multiply our forces for good many fold. "As iron sharpeneth iron, so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend."

Christian men and women, or who were so accounted, or so accounted themselves, have made experiment of religious seclusion. Anchorets hiding in caves and dens of the earth, monks and friars leading lazy or mendicant lives, have in their various ways affected isolation as a means of religious devotion and spiritual culture. It is all contrary to the laws of our spiritual being. God hath set the solitary in families. He hath ordained that men should dwell together for mutual help, that they should combine in society for common defense, support, comfort, and well-being. And religion in its holiest and highest conditions is not dissevered from this law of our constitution. The angels, so far as we can infer from what is revealed, constitute a community, uniting in adoration and praise, exercising ministry and doing service in the spiritual world. A Chinese or Japanese system of civilization, as it has been until now that it seems to be unbarring its gates to those without, —such a system in the kingdom of Christ is no more in accord with

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the divine appointment, than in the world of men. Hence the great Head instituted the church, that disciples might nourish sympathy and co-operate in prayer and every good work. His followers he made associates and friends, employed them in his work, taught them how to work, inculcated the duty of love and self-sacrifice for each other and for all men as the true way of manifesting love for himself; condescended even to repose on them for sympathy; and when in the hour of his bitterest trial the chosen three, in weariness and oppressed with anxiety and dismay as under some impending and unknown disaster, fell asleep, rebuked them, how tenderly! with the words, "could ye not watch with me one hour?"

We have learned, brethren, but little of what it is to be in Christ, if we have not experienced somewhat of the comfortable fellowship of the saints. At our homes, in our respective households of faith, we form some conceptions of it. But in the fellowship of churches we rise to higher, more impressive, and more affecting views of the blessed truth, that we are one in Christ. And when have we so favorable occasions to learn the great lesson of the Christian life, as when from every portion of our commonwealth we meet face to face to confer on the great things of the kingdom, to be quickened by the larger and fuller experience of others, to re-animate our energies in the divine life, to kindle anew our love and consecration at their brighter fires, and to gain strength in our conflicts by what we hear of their conflicts and triumphs? Most of all, when on the great day of our feast we gather, as we did this afternoon, a great company, at the table of our Lord, strangers, though it be, to each other, yet all, however sundered by dwelling place, or worldly calling, or personal interests, not strangers in those conflicts, trials, joys, which mean more for us and are dearer to us than all things beside, not strangers or aliens to the table of communion and its refreshment nor to the Lord of the feast, we here renew the same covenant with the same Lord and Master, confirm our common faith, gain a stronger hold on the same everlasting hopes, catch new glimpses of the same victory over sin and death and of the glory beyond soon to be revealed, are there not many here to testify that these occasions have imparted more distinct and impressive conceptions of what the holy apostle meant when he wrote of Christ Jesus as him, "of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named," and of the blessedness of being accounted one of that great family?

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And not only so, but there is one feature in these occasions which reminds us, as we saw this afternoon in the invitation to the Lord's table, that it is not a mere denominational unity that we have in mind. One of the last injunctions of the Redeemer on his disciples was that they should love one another. Love, we know, is an essential element of the life which is hid with Christ in God. Every true disciple can testify that the badge of discipleship of itself acts like an introduction of friend to friend. It awakens in his breast kindliest sympathies with any one who bears it. Our names may cause distinctions in the outward life, we may be true to our particular communion, but over all and above all, the evidence of discipleship at once draws us together, binds us together as servants of a common Master, as sharers in the same glorious inheritance and the same blessed hope, and fellow travelers to the same eternal home. It has been, I am sure, one influence of our annual assemblies, when we have been so often favored by the presence of brethren of different communions, that our hearts have been enlarged toward true discipleship of whatever name, and so we have realized more fully that believers are one in Christ by whatever name they may be called.

Allow me to refer to a personal experience. It was my privilege three years ago to be present at the semi-centennial of Dr. Hodge who had just completed his fiftieth year of service in the Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian church at Princeton, New Jersey. It was an impressive scene when the large church was filled with representatives of the Presbyterian churches of the United States and from other lands. Her great lights had gathered there to testify gratitude and do honor to a luminary of the first magnitude in their galaxy. But throughout the occasion, though the speaker was in a throng of a different communion, nothing said or done indicated the peculiarities and narrowness of a denomination. There was the same standard above that assembly and the same great truths and hopes were enunciated that nourish and comfort us; and the stranger from the far off eastern coast was as much at home there, so far as pertains to our common Christianity, as in his own church in Brunswick. He visited the cemetery and the graves of the great Edwards, of Pres. Burr,—father of the ungodly and unworthy son, Aaron Burr,—of Witherspoon, Samuel Stanhope Smith, Davies, the Alexanders, Miller, and Dod, all defenders

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of the same faith once delivered to the saints which we profess and in our measure maintain.

But we have yet more than this to say. An unanswerable proof of the divine origin of our common faith is seen in the unity of its disciples, and, I repeat, it is well now to advert, for a moment, to the existing reality of such unity. Whatever may be said sneeringly and ignorantly of the differences, alienations, if some please to call them so, among those that bear the Christian name, let it be asserted, as we now assert, that such differences lie on the surface; they reach not the heart of the true church of Christ.

Why, one, not many years ago uniformly seen and active in the annual meetings of this body, whose occasional presence in these later years is always welcome, and whom we are glad to see with us on this occasion, while a pastor among us, was the favored writer of a hymn, "My faith looks up to thee," now a song of Zion wherever,—we hardly think we exaggerate,—there are disciples in any land or among any people. I submit, what is it but "one faith, one Lord, one baptism" in the undivided heart of the church of Christ, that finds comfort and strength in the notes of that song. Our hymnology furnishes abundant illustrations to the same fact.

We have had, it seems to me, another and the most affecting illustration of the reality of a fellowship among the followers of our Lord. Some time during 1861, a solitary missionary in Lodiana within the shadow of the Himalayas, in anguish of heart in view of hindrances and discouragements to his work, sent forth an earnest appeal for a concert-week of prayer to be observed by all who call on the name of the Lord throughout the world. The proposal came from no ecclesiastical authority. A believing, devout, burdened soul from a far distant region gave expression to its longing desire; and in accordance with its suggestion, the first week of 1862 was observed largely in our own and other countries, and the observance has been continued more extensively and with deeper solemnity each succeeding year, and with what effects every one knows. But the significancy of the movement is to be particularly noticed. That lonely cry stirred the heart of Christ's church. That great organized body with Christ for its Head, having one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father, and

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one hope, in every quarter of the world and in the islands of the sea has each succeeding year bowed in humble, earnest prayer to the Father of lights and has made one common request. That call to prayer from Upper India found ready response, independent of creed or ceremonial. In hearts most wedded to ecclesiastical forms and dogmas it may have found no response at all. But it struck below the sympathies which expend themselves on the outward of Christianity to those which center in the crucified One. Yes, brethren, we should do our most to emphasize this glorious triumph of our Christianity in our own hearts and before the unbelieving world. It is our strong point in the conflict with intelligent heathen minds, that while there are different members in the body of Christ, though his followers bear different names, are marshaled in different hosts, they are yet under the same Captain, warring in the same warfare, their hearts attuned to the same triumphant song. Lord Jesus, we bless thee for thy last prayer for thy disciples when thou didst say: "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; that they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me and I in thee, that they also may be one in us, that the world may believe that thou has sent me."

The occasion is, I judge, of special interest on account of the memories it revives, and our observance will be very much a tribute of the heart to the loved and honored who have gone on before us; and in this the speaker has been compelled to trust to his memory more than to any record. A signal privilege of these annual convocations is, that they have been favored by the presence and co-operation of experienced and honored servants of the Master, now no longer of us but in higher service above, whose forms and bearing, whose faces and voices we love to recall, and whom, but for these occasions, we might never have seen nor heard. Such reminiscences may be more peculiarly affecting to those of us who, looking back "from the snowy summits of our years," perhaps claim the privilege, which elders are charged with, of being praisers of what is past, of fancying that the old was better than the new, and that a former generation was more prolific of men that left their impress on the age.

We cannot but lament that there had been removed from this body, just as he had aided by his counsel in giving it form, one whose praise was in all the churches of our common faith; one endued with eminent

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gifts of nature and of grace, of holy consecration, of transcendent power in the pulpit, and unsurpassed in the cure of souls. I need not mention his name,—Payson, who had, it may be truly said, a passion for saving souls, strong even in death, at his own request a label being attached to his breast in the coffin, on which was written, "Remember the words which I spake unto you while I was yet with you," so that though dead he yet spake. We cannot but lament that his flaming spirit could not have been permitted to exert its power in the forming period of our body and impart still higher tone to its life and action.

And Loomis too, who, as he rose in his pulpit that January morning, 1825, fell, in the full vigor of mature life, in death, whose record in the church at Bangor and in that region makes us feel how much his ardor and manly courage for his Master and his wise counsel might have contributed to the efficiency of our Conference. These are among the unnumbered proofs of the exhaustless resources of our Redeemer in accomplishing his gracious purposes for his people; for though such standard-bearers fell in their prime at what was a critical period of our Conference, there were others left on whom was "the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord," and we reverently and thankfully recall their memories. We may not name them all, but those whose recollections recur to the earlier years of our history are reminded of Greenleaf of Wells, an honored name in our State, himself one of the signers of the first draft made at Falmouth of a constitution for a General Conference, and who left proof of a genius for historical work in his Ecclesiastical Sketches of Maine; and of Kellogg, pastor in this city, and held in grateful remembrance here, and also by dwellers on the St. Croix for his apostolic labors among them, and, what was particularly noticeable in his later years, his apostolic style of address.

We gratefully recall the excellent, devout, and accomplished Gillett, long in the Hallowell pastorate and then secretary of our Missionary Society, whose pure English undefiled it was pleasant to hear; and side by side with him the able, scholarly, classical Tappan, our first moderator for three years, as has been noted; son of a revered Divinity Professor at Harvard; a tutor in the earlier life of our college; the energetic, laborious, faithful pastor at Augusta, and devoting the last fifteen years of an eminently useful and honored life to the secretary-

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ship of our Missionary Society. We recall his fine personal bearing, always welcome at our meetings, his remarkable gift in prayer, his flowing, classic style of discourse, the ever open hospitality of his home, his unselfish, cordial, sympathetic labors of love, known and valued and himself beloved for his work's sake in every nook and corner of the State. The great Head manifestly made all grace to abound in him to every good work.

One figure in the panorama of the past arrests our attention. That of "Father Thurston," as we used to call him, with his flowing silver locks, to him certainly "a crown of glory" for it was always found in the way of righteousness, intimately associated in ecclesiastical relations with the two just mentioned; with an eagle eye for whatever was contrary to truth and righteousness and especially for the great wrong and sin of our land in those years of trial; to be remembered also for his fervor, power, and pathos in prayer. There came a report to us from a meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church, when the Old and New School conflict was agitating that body and an earnest, excited debate was threatening its harmony, that he, a delegate from this remote Conference, was asked, at a critical moment, to offer prayer; and he performed the service with that reverential awe and peculiar unction for which he was remarkable, so that, as if the assembly had been lifted up to the throne, the elements of discord were cowed and appeased, and there fell on the waves of unwonted and unwelcome excitement a great calm. The Lord called him up higher at the age of eighty-six, but without his having seemed to know what old age is.

Another from the Kennebec is remembered—Johnson,—both in the pastorate and in the secretaryship of our Missionary Society which he also held in his turn; of strong powers both of body and of mind, which led his college friends to remark that qualities of the English autocrat of letters, whose name he bore, might have fallen to him.

And then another man of power—Cummings,—one of the first corresponding secretaries of this body; strong in the inner man, though the outer man was visited with infirmity and failed him at a comparatively early date; a graduate of Harvard in a distinguished class in which he held high rank among such names as Bancroft, Cushing, Wells, and Geo. B. Emerson. He was a fellow tutor at Bowdoin, and the

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speaker knows what he affirms when he speaks of the same far-seeing counsel, the same self-mastery and sturdiness of character, the same culture, the same vigorous, yet flowing pen, all, so characteristic in his last years in the editorial chair of the Christian Mirror. Among others always to be expected at these meetings no one would fail to recall the ever faithful and earnest Ellingwood. Nothing but a providence of God could have prevented his attendance, year after year, with active zeal in the cause and quick jealousy for the purity, honor, and vitality of the churches.

Active in the organization of this body and chairman of important committees at the preliminary meetings was President Allen of Bowdoin College, and President of our Missionary Society. His uniform attendance in this body with his learning and culture as well as his well-tried strength of character and unwavering and fearless devotion to the great cause added dignity and weight to its proceedings. Another, always to be looked for on these occasions, though from singular modesty he chose to listen while others spoke, was Prof. Shepard;—as just intimated, seldom heard in our discussions, but in more formal discourse the deep tones of his voice, his sententious, emphatic style and manner and his vigorous thought left impressions of his energetic grasp of vital truth to be carried with us into the eternal world.

Other names on our roll we cannot overlook of men endued with zeal and power in maintaining the faith and urging its claims, some of them with us only long enough to give good proof of their ministry; as Tyler, called to succeed Dr. Payson, coming in his full vigor from the Presidency of Dartmouth, with rare faculty of presenting and clearing up the "things hard to be understood." Some may recall a few remarks of his in Brunswick at a time of religious interest at what was then called a protracted meeting, in which he effectually, as was thought, disposed of a perplexing question, harassing to inquiring minds, with singular skill and conclusiveness. His massive figure, commanding voice and manner, and his keen eye kindling under excitement, made deep impression. Nor would we fail to mention those who succeeded, for brief periods of service, to the same pulpit,—Vail, of well proportioned powers and strong sense, pronounced by President Stearns, of Amherst College, "great in duties well done," and the accomplished and eloquent Condit. Many, I presume, now present have

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tender and affecting remembrances of Jenkins, called too soon for them from his pastorate in this city, in which he had in his brief service gained for himself "a good degree and boldness in the faith;" and of his successor, Dwight, with a name honored throughout the land, bearing aloft with strong arm the banner of the Cross, fearless, uncompromising, of power in debate or public address as well in what relates to moral and social interests of the State as in the special themes of pulpit or church.

Beyond the immediate vicinity, faithful memories bring before us others who left names held in grateful remembrance for efficient service; Rand, of Gorham, one of our founders, and first editor of the Christian Mirror,* of a strong, logical mind and devout heart, who failed not to declare the whole counsel of God, was blessed in his work and honored the gospel he preached by his own life; and his successor in the same pastorate, Thaddeus Pomeroy, who effected much for the interests of education; John R. Adams, also in the same pastorate, valiant alike as a soldier of the Cross and in the tented field, for many a soldier of the late war remembers with grateful affection the fearless, God-fearing Chaplain Adams; and Hobart for thirty-six years faithful, devout, unpretentious, diligent, and beloved in his Walnut Hill parish; Freeman of Limerick, already mentioned as the first preacher before the Conference, for twelve years its corresponding secretary; a worthy representative of an honored name in this city, a graduate of our college of 1812, pupil of Payson, studious, well read, esteemed and honored in his pastorate of thirty-five years, and held in highest respect in the churches of York Co.; Joseph P. Fessenden of Bridgton (Bowdoin 1818), a man of mark, strong in the faith, of positive opinions and action, fearless in maintaining truth and right, bold in denouncing our national sin, and thus in ecclesiastical relations showing the instincts of his honored kindred of the same name in the State in their political relations, for forty years honoring his Master and His service; Joseph Walker, of the same class at Bowdoin, a man of thought, of clear, discriminating mind, deep piety, humble, and unpretending; and another of the same college generation, Caleb F. Page, faithful, earnest, beloved, and greatly

* George H. Shirley of Brooklyn, N. Y., in a letter to the Christian Mirror, July 29, states that Arthur Shirley of Portland, who for several years was proprietor of the Gazette, having the prospect of disposing of that property, established the Mirror in 1822.

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blessed in his pastorate in the same town with the former of the two just named; we recall, too, the retiring, laborious, and godly Chapin, the first pastor of Pownal, whom Dr. Asa Cummings styled a "model minister of Jesus Christ," ever with a word in season, and one who had power with God; his younger brother, too, of Lewiston, removed from what was soon to be a prominent field with its three or four churches, just as he had proved how well he was working it; Weston, a pupil of Payson, Hurd, of Fryeburg, a wise counselor, of devout spirit and ability and earnestness in his work of more than thirty years; Jones, of Minot, one of the first fruits of our seminary, of vigorous understanding, decided character, never snared by the fear of man, with more graces of the Spirit than of the outer man, remembered for pithy, keenly-pointed utterances; Enos Merrill, an early graduate of our college, and a tutor, whom I mention with the respect due from a pupil, in his pastorate at Freeport and Alna a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, meek, gentle, of superior intellect, greatly respected and beloved; and with the regard due to pupils would I refer to Orr, of Alfred, who combined with his pastoral duties literary tastes and aims, and Cressey, of Kennebunk, and then of Buxton, clothed with humility, and beloved for his work's sake. Among others in this vicinity specially worthy of the tribute we offer are David Meaubeck Mitchell, who from a successful pastorate of a quarter of a century at Waldoboro removed to faithful service in the Bethel church in this city, and Samuel H. Merrill, respected and esteemed in the ministry of the word on the Penobscot, in the Bethel of this city, and as agent of the American Bible Society.

Farther removed from what was in the earlier period the center of influence in the State we would make mention of brethren whose memories are still fresh, Swan L. Pomeroy, always present in the meetings of this body, active, known and honored of all, of unquestioned power, culture, and weight of influence; his city neighbor, the able, steadfast, devout Maltby, an efficient laborer for twenty-six years in his own parish, and in the region about; Williams, Blood, and Fisher, all three among the fathers fifty years ago; the last named, grave, precise, of plainest speech, always calling things by their right names, noted for patient industry and endurance, for achievements in unique architecture and household carpentry, making ministerial exchanges, in

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apostolic manner, on foot, having actually paced the road from his Bluehill home forty miles away, and once, it was said, even to the St. Croix on a mission tour; noted also for achievements with the pencil and graver; reputed for his French and Greek and Hebrew, leaving in MS. a Hebrew Lexicon, his own patient work of years. We recall Rogers, of Farmington, descendant of the Smithfield martyr, a pioneer, the first pastor of a border, now an influential, church; literally "the voice of one crying in the wilderness," a Boanerges in the pulpit, of a heart large as his person, if we may judge from the contribution of fifty dollars to our Memorial Hall at Bowdoin, Prof. Smyth regarding it as the most liberal donation he received; his neighbor brother also, the faithful, discreet, laborious Peet of Norridgewock.

Our Theological Seminary cannot fail to honor in our memorial today the faithful and efficient service of Mr. Woodhull (Bowdoin 1827) in its behalf, to be remembered also for varied and effective labors in his Thomaston pastorate. We could not forgive ourselves if we failed to refer with special respect to Father Jotham Sewall, whose stately form and bearing some well remember, everywhere a welcome visitor, and, wherever he went, a man of power. One Saturday Pres. Appleton drove a dozen miles or more to secure him, in an emergency, for the Brunswick pulpit. He obeyed the call. During his ministry of a few weeks students of the college invited him to meet them at one of their rooms, and I recall the respect and attention with which his labor of love was received. In public worship we were charmed with his full, clear alto in the songs of the sanctuary, and impressed by his prayers, as of one in close converse with the Holy One, and the deep-toned utterance of his stirring appeals. A revival of religious interest both in town and college was the result of those weeks, among the fruits of which were Rufus Anderson, recent Foreign Secretary of the American Board, and Joseph P. Fessenden. Without a pastorate most of his ministerial life he laid foundations for many of our churches, and left a name honored and revered in the land from the St. Croix to Georgia. Another father we must not omit to name, Sawyer, his life almost literally a centenary of active labor in the waste places of Zion and in founding our Maine Missionary Society and our Theological Seminary. Still another of the faithful ones of our earlier life as a Conference must not be forgotten, Jonathan Adams, for forty-six years in the

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Woolwich and Deer Isle pastorates, greatly blessed in himself and in his flocks.

And then those younger brethren we hold in affectionate remembrance, who, with high and holy aims, full of hope, of large promise, were summoned before their noontide of faithful and successful labors to a higher than any earthly service; Crosby of Castine (Bowdoin 1823), of sterling qualities; the sincere, warm-hearted, winning Cole of Bluehill, and Dole of Brewer, both of the same college generation; Little of Bangor (Bowdoin 1843), of rare culture, earnest spirit, angelic mold, whose ministry, I judge, must have been a constant sunbeam on any people; and Drummond (Bowdoin 1836), the memory of whose labors of love, force of character, and power in the Lewiston pulpit, ever fruitful, discursive, and elevating, is cherished and honored. Such disappointments as their removal caused teach us again how rich in resources He is, whose cause can suffer the loss of such laborers and yet not be delayed in its course; Balkam, also, of varied acquirements, marked facility and force in public discourse, of energy and courage, of unfaltering devotion to the welfare of his country, speaking eloquent words for her in her unrighteousness, and rendering efficient service in the field as Chaplain in her days of deadly strife and peril. Another name I cannot omit, who, during the four years of his ministry among us, was prominent in our convocations, Charles Packard, a graduate of our college, bred to the law in the office of the eminent Benjamin Orr, and a practicing attorney, with reputation, for several years; arrested by divine grace in the remarkable revival at Brunswick of 1834, renouncing his profession and devoting himself to the ministry of the Word in Ohio, then in Massachusetts, and then at Biddeford; our Moderator three years, and struck with almost instant death early in 1864. I shall not be charged with a brother's undue partiality in speaking of him as an able, faithful, wakeful watchman on the walls of Zion.

And now within the last year one, known of us all, Adams, has ascended; for forty years or more, counted on as sure to be in our assembly, whose voice of sweetest melody led in song, and in prayer lifted us near to the throne, who presided over our missionary society, and was always ready with a word in season. One circumstance may be mentioned to show the important position he held, which is, that

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during his ministry of forty years he had numbered in his congregation not less than two-thirds of the whole number of graduates of our college.*

Time will not allow me to go farther in these reminiscences, and doubtless I may have failed to mention others whose names are recorded in the Lamb's Book in as distinct character as many who have been referred to. All are mournfully missed in any such gathering; but memory is faithful to them. Men call them dead; but they live in their example, and their works follow them still. And furthermore, in every such review of the past, as we recount the laborers whom the Master hath sent into his vineyard, and survey what divine grace hath wrought in them and by them, how can we help exclaiming again with thankful hearts, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us?"

We should be untrue to ourselves and to departed ones, did we fail to honor the memories of such of our lay brethren, as gave proof, by attendance on these occasions, of allegiance to the Master of ceremonies, especially those holding official relations to the churches. When we look back and call to mind the hoary heads, crowned with honor, of the Mitchells, of Adams, Cutter, Storer, Libby, the Hydes, Sewalls, not to mention others who served at the table of communion, the character of such worthy and trusted and revered servants, we must affirm, should shield them and the office they held from sneers of men who may have found themselves uncomfortably, perhaps not unduly, embarassed, by their fidelity, and who should know better than to cast a slur, even in mirthful mood, or plant a stigma, on an institution of the Holy Apostles.

Nor should this day of tributes to the memories of those whose living presence will bless us no more and of heartfelt acknowledgments to those who yet survive to participate in our common work be allowed to pass without alluding to our debt of obligation to the indefatigable, skillful, and, be it remembered, unremunerative service of our Secretary, whose "Minutes" of the Conference for several years has been regarded a model of such work. The future historian of the Congregational

*The time allotted to the writer in the commemorative service restricting him to brief notices of those only whose influence has been more prominent in the General Conference, he has ventured to introduce a few more than were named in the delivery of the discourse as seemed needful to make the memorial tribute, which he has attempted, less incomplete.

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church of Maine will find this annual record an invaluable source of its statistics.

We must not overlook, in our review of the past, one of the privileges which have attended these convocations, and must refer to the visits of delegates from other ecclesiastical bodies or from benevolent associations who have come with salutations from them and to report their condition. They deserve, as they receive, grateful remembrance. We recall favored occasions, specially noted in the memory, when a quickening influence was imparted from the presence and speech of men of wisdom, counsel, and might in the ways of the Lord, as Magie, and Fisher, and Murray, all of New Jersey; Beaman, Proudfit, Badger, Peters, and Sawtelle of New York; Storrs, Wisner, Cornelius, and Stearns from Massachusetts; Shepard and Tucker from Rhode Island; and Walker from Vermont. Thus have we been brought face to face with those whose praise was in all the churches, and whose presence was a benediction in the assembly of saints. And then too, from far off missionary fields; Poor, Bird, Calhoun, Grout, Perkins, Lindley, Hamlin, Snow, and Wheeler have come to cheer and raise to a higher level of consecration by communion with such honored servants of our Lord and Master. And we are reminded, that without the conception and organization and steady maintenance of this General Conference, such a privilege and blessing might not be ours to be thankful for in this day of commemoration.

Fifty years cannot have passed in so active a community without changes in the manner and methods of the pulpit as well as of the church. When our Conference system was established, a gradual change had been in progress (as some of us can remember) in the social and in the official standing and position of the clergy. The peculiar deference which had hedged about the person of the parish minister had been losing its power. He was becoming less distinguished by his dress. The broad-brimmed hat, the white stock, the black vesture were becoming less distinctive. Gown and bands were disappearing from the pulpit. In social life, he who had borne undisputed sway in church and town was getting to be accounted of less as a clergyman, though not less as a man; and it seemed almost to be coming about, that it was less the office that commanded respect than the man and the manner in which he discharged its functions. Democratic ideas had become

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more dominant in the community; and, in close connection with this tendency of things, there had been growing, perhaps had culminated, a jealousy of the regular clergy which uttered itself in the phrase, now scarcely ever heard, but then often applied to them in certain quarters, carrying with it some bitterness mingled with a sneer, "the standing order." Thus the minister soon found that to sustain himself he must rely on personal qualities more than on official dignity and presence.

Still further, change was on its way in the pew. The intelligence and culture of the community was rising to a higher level, and this imposed more strenuous and exacting claims on the labors of the pulpit. The culture of the community at large has been constantly becoming more general and varied; less theological and more ethical. Questions too in morals, philosophy, even touching the foundations of our Christianity, not thought of fifty years ago except, it may be, in narrow circles of free thinking, are in these later days discussed even in the daily newspapers; and thus the topics of the pulpit have been modified. Not that vital truths of the gospel have become stale and unprofitable. The gospel which Paul preached is our gospel of salvation still, and will be as long as there are sinners to be saved; but its teachings are discussed from new points of view. The polemics of our day are on different fields of conflict, and our Christianity is called to meet problems which, a half century, and even less than half a century ago, would have been unmeaning and idle to the hearer. Doctrines, therefore, as we hear that word, are not so often or so formally expounded and urged now as then; not by any means, as just said, because they have lost their significance or vitality; but because old objections and old speculations, newly vamped, or in a new dress, have crept out and clamor for consideration, and the preacher is compelled to burnish armor which had been long laid aside, and to meet the enemy on questions which touch the reality of our faith—questions, I say again, resuscitated, raked up from the rubbish of two thousand or more years,—and assert even the reality of prayer, of immortality, and of life everlasting.

And so it is sometimes affirmed, that the pulpit has not the power it once had. If this be so, it is not, that, as an agency for the proclamation of truth which cannot die, it fails. As we have been glancing at the past of our pulpit and have mentioned names of godly men whose

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memories we cherish with love and reverence, still honored as, under God, a power in their generation, we certainly claim for the ministrations of this day as much at least of culture and power as at any period of our history; nay the American pulpit never, I apprehend, exhibited more ability, more earnestness, or richer resources than at this present day. If the pulpit then has lost its influence in any degree, it is not because it utters a faint, an uncertain, or a discordant sound. It is the pew that has changed; and then there is a great multitude without, of which our predecessors had no experience, seldom or never seen in the pew.

Manifold influences, moreover, outside the church, it should be noticed, have been and are at work to weaken the power of the great and momentous teachings of the Holy Word, not in the pulpit, but in the minds of the people themselves. Popular lectures, a widely diffused press, a literature often unfriendly, if not hostile, in its tone, on the railway train, on the bookstore counter, on parlor tables, disguising its venom in attractive forms, presents a vast difference in the attitude of every congregation toward the truth, by which alone we can be brought into harmony with God and the world beyond, from what it was when the pulpit with its sacred themes was the main, often the sole, avenue by which to reach the mass of men by public discourse.

Those who can recall the first quarter of the century have noticed a marked change also in the work of the church, one, moreover, of encouragement and hope. The lay element has been coming to a more just apprehension of covenant obligations, and is manifesting enterprise in methods and means once supposed to fall within the special province of the clergy. The Sabbath School, one special department of church agency, has assumed much greater prominence, some, indeed, have feared, to the neglect of the family instruction universal in the days of our forefathers. The church has also become more aggressive in its work, searching out the neglected and outcast and bringing them under her watch and care. To woman, moreover, have been opened methods of usefulness in various directions at home and abroad, even in distant lands, with labors and results not dreamed of fifty years since. And then the great work of missions, foreign and domestic, has vastly expanded and been made more efficient. For every disciple, we must not fail to remind ourselves and so to be reminded how our responsibilities

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have multiplied,—for every disciple, even the humblest, new and effectual doors have been opened, and the system of conferences has done much to awaken, systematize, and concentrate, and so develop and augment the spiritual power of every church. It has taught us, as already seen, what the apostle meant when he wrote: "For the body is one and hath many members and all members of that one body, being many, have one body; so also is Christ. For by one spirit have we all been baptized into one body and have been all made to drink into one spirit." And this too: "Whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it: or one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it." And so, the grace of our Lord and Master helping his people, notwithstanding hindrances on every hand, although the wave of population has swept, like the tide-wave of ocean, over large territories of what was wilderness a half century ago, even over mountain ranges into the valleys and along the coast of the Pacific, and notwithstanding the influx of a foreign element fortified against the influence of a purer gospel and stimulated to make war on our Sabbath, our common-school system, under God the foundations of our civil institutions, we have been enabled to hold our own, and more than that. For surely it is cause of thankfulness and encouragement to notice, as we may well do in this review of the past, that the last census shows that Christianity has much more than kept pace with the rapid strides of our population. While our population has multiplied within the century eleven fold, the churches have multiplied thirty-seven fold. So that notwithstanding the manifold and, in some aspects, the formidable obstacles our Christianity has had, and still has, to encounter, although mere statistics cannot reach the inner spiritual life, they show that the positive of its institutions has gained rather than lost ground.

The occasion suggests interesting and affecting reflections in such a review of the past, and weighty thoughts in view of the future. A setting forth of the topics which have been discussed at the sessions of this body would show what its influence has been in elevating the tone of public Christian sentiment in the State.

But the time and space assigned to this exercise has been more than exhausted. The speaker, were there time, would have something to say for our college, which owes so much to the efforts and prayers of the clergy and churches of this city and its neighborhood for its foun-

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dation and active encouragement in its earlier life. The present generation knows not of its past trials and struggles and conflicts. The few who do know of them may be allowed to affirm with feeling and assurance, that, if we take into account its parentage, the work it has done, and is doing for the State and the great cause and its steadfast and earnest sympathies for our common faith, if we recall the memories of Presidents and Professors still fragrant in the history of our churches, the memories also which have received the inadequate tribute of this evening, it deserves to be honored by the State at large and certainly by all who may be presumed to be its friends, and may well claim friendly and nurturing consideration and care.

Every such review as we have been taking impresses one lesson with great force; that the places that now know us will soon know us no more. The night cometh when no man can work. Let us see to it, that we live as children of the day. Let the experiences of the half century encourage us to gird ourselves anew for the half century now opening upon us, and animate us to renewed diligence in the work the Master lays upon us, and this the more, as we and our fathers have often tested the assurance, that "he that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing bringing his sheaves with him."

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LETTER OF REV. E. F. CUTTER.

MY DEAR BROTHER.—I find it difficult amid the hurry and excitement of California life, to redeem my promise to you, to give some personal reminiscences of the past history of the General Conference. I was not associated with those who originated the plan in its first organization, but was acquainted with most of them, and know they were men well fitted to lay the foundations of an ecclesiastical institution, the fundamental and unchangeable feature of which is the prohibition of all ecclesiastical power; an institution designed for fraternal meeting, and spiritual worship, at whose annual gathering, ministers and brethren might come solely for communion with God and his people.

The ministry of Maine at that day were eminently of Puritan stamp, sound in doctrine, exemplary in life, and self-denying in labor. They loved pure Congregationalism, and were jealous alike of the King in the State, and of the Bishop in the Church. They recognized but one Master, whose disciples were all brethren. Hence the care with which they provided against the assumption by, or delegation to, the Conference, of ecclesiastical power: and the spirit of fraternal fellowship which they cherished from the beginning, and which, we thank God, has marked our meetings for a half-century. They were strong men, most of them larger in physical frame than those who now occupy their places. I will not say they were larger in intellect and in heart, but I am sure in all that makes up a good minister of Jesus Christ, in hard study, in earnest work, in endurance, and especially in continuance, they were equal to any generation of ministers known in our land. With small salaries and hard fields, they filled out the longest pastorates in our records; laying the foundations on which we build, and scattering the seed whose harvests we reap—the pioneers in the forest, whose trail has opened the way for our broad roads, and prosperous settlements. They were men sound in the faith, who had a clear, well-defined creed, and preached it thoroughly; and under such preaching the churches held fast to the faith once delivered to the saints, and the younger brethren in the ministry felt the influence of these venerable fathers, and rarely attempted to put forth their crude notions as an improvement and advancement on the old creed and faith of the churches. "Then the churches had rest and were edified: and walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost were multiplied."

At the early meetings of the Conference I was not present, but I have many times read the record and marked the names of the men who, with much prayer and careful deliberation, sought to bring the churches of Maine into closer fellowship, and more intimate acquaintance. There was my old pastor, Edward Payson, filling out the closing years of a long and successful ministry, and soon to ascend in wonderful peace and glory to the home and the rest above. There

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was that model of the true gentleman and minister, Benjamin Tappan, who has left such a hallowed memory in the hearts of all the churches. There was, too, that bland and courteous gentleman, Dr. Gillett, for so many years the loved Secretary of the Maine Missionary Society, who wrote so pure English as to deserve the title of the Addison of Maine, and who united such firmness of purpose with the blandest of manners, that one well said of him, "he will greet you so mildly, and assent so courteously to your propositions, that you will think he is ready to yield the point, but he wont." There was Asa Cummings, of indomitable will, of most genial and kind feeling, the most truly unselfish man I ever knew; a hard fighter for what he believed right, and, as Daniel Webster said, the finest paragraph writer in the Union. I remember well how this was illustrated by good Father Sewall, in his quaint, quiet way, at a meeting of the Conference in Saco, when a discussion was had as to the expediency of a change in the editorship of the Christian Mirror. Rev. Levi Loring had examined the paper and found that the Abolition correspondents had occupied a very much larger space than their opponents, and he did not understand their ground of complaint. Father Sewall rose in his calm, easy way, and said, "Ah! brethren, that is not the trouble; but it is that the Abolitionists will write a great, long article of two or three columns, and Bro. Cummings will put in two or three lines at the bottom, and knock it all in the head." This rare gift, none of his successors in the editorial chair have inherited, and the old readers of the Mirror, miss sadly those keen shafts of wit that never failed to strike between the joints of the harness. For sound sense, for unselfish devotion to the cause of Christ, for earnest love to the churches of Maine, Dr. Cummings was one with all these brethren I have before named, and many others:—as that most patriarchal man in form and in spirit, whom most of the brethren will remember as lingering with us to a good old age, with unbent form, and undimmed eye, and unfaltering voice, David Thurston; also Perez Chapin, a Puritan of the Puritans; and that wonderful man, preacher, poet, painter, engraver, architect, and author, Father Fisher, of Bluehill, and Mighill Blood, of Bucksport, who held apparently discordant elements in happy union for so many years; and the venerable Sewall, "the Apostle of Maine," and the centennarian, John Sawyer, and a class of quiet, unobtrusive ministers, of purest mind and heart, scholarly and diligent in every good work, instructing their people in sound doctrine in a pure and simple style, such as Caleb Hobart, of Walnut Hill, D. M. Mitchell, of Waldoboro, Jotham Sewall, jr., of New Castle, Enos Merrill, of Freeport, Isaac Weston, of Cumberland, and others of like stamp. There were so many marked men, as Carlton Hurd, of Fryeburg, E. Jones, of Minot, I. Rogers, of Farmington, I cannot give them all. I find myself pressed, as Paul was in his record of faith, in the eleventh chapter of the epistle to the Hebrews. "Time would fail me to tell" of those two cast iron men, so stern in appearance but of warm heart, Joseph P. Fessenden, of Bridgton, and Silas McKeen, of Belfast; of those strongly marked, perhaps eccentric, preachers, Parson Bradley, of Westbrook, Milltimore, of Falmouth, Pomeroy, of Gorham; of those eminently practical men like Ellingwood, of Bath, Boynton, of Phipsburg, or the earnest, impulsive ones like Mead, of Brunswick, Clark, of Wells, and, prince among them all, William Smyth, of Bowdoin College. I must stop somewhere, and will refer only to William Allen, President of Bowdoin College, who, however he may have failed

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in filling satisfactorily the presidential chair, never failed in his love of the churches, but was always present at our annual meetings, and for many years President of the Maine Missionary Society. He always identified himself with the Congregationalists of Maine, and deserves from them a grateful remembrance. The first sermon before the Conference was preached by Charles Freeman, of Limerick, on the day of its organization, Jan. 10, 1826. He was one of its founders; and also of the Congregational Charitable Society. For twelve years he was the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference; admirably fitted for the office by that exactness in statement, and that love for statistics which seems hereditary in his family, of which, in another generation, we have a notable example in the admirable Scribe, who for so many years has made the Minutes of the Maine Conference almost perfect models of ecclesiastical record.

Such were the originators of the Maine Conference. I may have omitted names I ought to have alluded to, as I have no minutes of any kind to refer to, but rely wholly on memory. I have endeavored to give an idea of the men, noble, working, praying men, strongly marked by individuality, free in thought and speech, and who impressed on the Conference their own spirit; for I believe no meeting has ever been more untrammeled in full and free utterance, and through all the years of warm and earnest discussion on slavery, and temperance, and other topics, while differences of opinion were freely expressed, no alienation was made between brethren, but they loved as warmly as ever, having one imperishable bond of union in their common love to Christ and his church.

My earliest remembrance of the General Conference is "the Great Meeting" at Fryeburg in 1831, that meeting attended and followed by such remarkable spiritual blessing in all the region round about. It was rich in spiritual teaching, and the ministers and foreign delegates all seemed "to speak as the Spirit gave them utterance." A rich blessing has followed many meetings of the Conference, its annual gathering bringing with it a blessing such as of old the ark of God brought to the house of Obed-edom. The churches held special seasons of prayer preparatory to the annual meeting, and looked for an answering blessing. It is to be desired that this practice should be renewed, and the spiritual influence of this convocation of the churches, be cherished and hallowed by prayer. So let us commence our second half-century, that the centennial meeting may give to our children a richer record of the Spirit's gracious outpouring on the churches, in connection with their yearly assemblies.

I cannot give any record of particular meetings, but I well remember the men who came in with us about this time. There was that eminent man of God, with his rich, poetic style and curious utterance, so that a witty hearer said his words were real gold, though they did come out as if jerked out with a cork screw,—Charles Jenkins, of the 3d church, Portland. I remember well his right hand of fellowship to Bennett Tyler, Payson's successor, a man of rare, personal attraction, most genial manners, and sound theology, of whom I have not time to say more. After referring to his brief association with Payson, and welcoming his successor to his place and work, he expressed the hope that he might longer enjoy his fellowship and association, and closed with the beautiful prayer that brought tears into many eyes, "And when your work is ended, may you die as Edward Payson died, and live, as he lives, in the hearts of his people, and the bosom of his God."

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There was, too, that dignified yet courteous gentleman and scholar, William T. Dwight, who was so admirably qualified for a presiding officer, and who filled the chair in the Maine Missionary Society to universal acceptance for many years. Always prompt and ready, no man evaded the rule he enforced, but it was like Median and Persian law, unchangeable. Some of the ablest efforts I have heard in our annual meetings, were from his pen and lips. He was a man of mark, inheriting a great name, and bearing it worthily and well. About the same time came that "eloquent Apollos," who has left his mark on so many of the ministry in Maine and New England,—George Shepard, whom I remember to have heard preach for the first time in the pulpit of the Second Parish church in Portland, on Christians as the salt of the earth. After portraying what a Christian is, he said, in his peculiar, emphatic way, "But you will say, these are *eminent* Christians. Ah! my brethren, but what if these eminent Christians are the *only* Christians!" I need not dwell on his life-work in Maine. It lives in too many memories and hearts, to need repetition here. Then came that strong and clear-minded reasoner, the deep scholar and divine, whose discourses, though at the present day they would be accounted long, were so rich in thought and argument,—John Maltby, for twenty-six years pastor of the Hammond Street church, Bangor. There was also that eloquent platform speaker and erudite divine, John J. Carruthers, still ministering at the altar, though he has passed his threescore years and ten, and his father, gifted with natural eloquence, whose ministrations were so abundantly blessed in many waste places of the State; and that genial "son of song," whose voice was so clear and musical, who has recently joined the choir of the blessed on high,—George E. Adams, of Brunswick. A little later came with us those two men, so unlike in personal appearance, mode of thought and utterance,—Eli Thurston, of Hallowell, and Ray Palmer, of Bath; the former with his keen black eye, incisive speech and positive utterance, rivetting his thought upon you with wonderful power; the latter so finished and polished in style and manner of speech, so "immaculate in his linen" and dress, that you marked him as ever finished up; but both ripe scholars and thinkers, of genial heart, endeared to me by the familiar intercourse of years. I feel I ought to include such sound, puritan divines as Jonathan Greenleaf, of Wells, and Jonathan Cogswell, of Saco; such men of rare eloquence as Samuel Johnson, of Alna, and S. L. Pomeroy, of Bangor, with his imposing personal appearance, and full, magnificent voice, which, I fear, I rarely heard without violation of the tenth commandment. Then there was that most scholarly teacher and divine, Jonathan Clement, so long at Topsham, and my old friend and classmate, John Wilde, a man of remarkable power, but depressed by disease, so that he never filled the position his sterling ability fitted him for.

Were I allowed to speak of the living, I might refer to the venerable Professor Pond, still hale and hearty, though having passed fourscore years; to the Secretary of the Maine Missionary Society, Stephen Thurston, who is a true relic of the fathers of whom I have before spoken, in physical stature, in inflexible love of old doctrine, and in earnest labor for Christ. He says sharp things sometimes, and they are not softened by that clear, ringing voice of his, but I know him from long association to have a warm heart, a cordial love of Christ and his people. I regard him and the venerable professor above named, and the equally

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venerable Thomas Adams, of Vassalboro, whose report on Bangor Seminary a few years since is so keen and cutting, showing that age has not abated his love of sound doctrine or his power to defend it; and our loving Bro. Hathaway, of Bloomfield, who always meets you with such a winning smile that "his face is like a benediction," and our warm-hearted, earnest Bro. Hawes, who is treading so worthily in the steps of good Father Thurston at Litchfield; and that clear thinker and profound theologian, David Shepley, who, however he may have lacked the graces of oratory, gave his people, who had been trained under those masters in Israel—Gilman, Brown, and Cummings, sound doctrinal teaching, not unworthy of his illustrious predecessors; and that fine model of the old school gentleman, endeared to me as the only remaining teacher who led me into the fields of classical study at my Alma Mater,—Alpheus S. Packard, now in a green old age, alike by life and precept inculcating to the students of Bowdoin the truths of our holy religion; and that quiet but efficient minister, so long on the eastern outpost of our Zion, of most gentle spirit, Seth H. Keeler, of Calais; and so on through the great array of noble men and true, who have been workers in the pines of Maine, of whom "*primus inter pares*" is Samuel Harris, the profound thinker, the able teacher, whom Yale with her thousand alumni, has counted worthy to fill the chair of theology, the successor of Dwight, Taylor, Fitch, and others of her most illustrious sons, as true specimens of the fathers who founded the Maine Conference, in their love of the old creed, their desire to hold it fast, their genial temper, and puritan humor; for these old puritans had a keen wit and enjoyed a good laugh. I could recall many instances, but one must suffice. Rev. Thaddeus Pomeroy was pleading the cause of the female seminary at Gorham, and closed by saying in a pleasant way, "that some writer had demonstrated that for all moral and benevolent work, one woman was equal to thirteen and one-half men. Hence, as we propose to educate one hundred girls in our seminary, it will be equal to the educating of thirteen hundred and fifty young men."

But I must pass to notice some of my cotemporaries and those of later date. I shall not here attempt to speak of the living, but of those who have passed beyond our praise, or censure. There was that apparently cold, phlegmatic man, but with as warm a heart as ever beat in a human bosom,—Richard Woodhull, who passed away suffering pangs of disease more terrible than martyrdom; a deep thinker, an earnest worker, a careful financier of other's estate, as seen in his last work as Treasurer of the Bangor Seminary. There was Nathaniel Chapman, the genial pastor, so full of sympathy with all in affliction, a type of many ministers in Maine who won a lasting place in the hearts of their people by their eminent pastoral gifts, of whom J. W. Chickering, of Portland, was a prominent example. There was, too, my life-long friend and brother, the dignified gentleman, the scholar, and able speaker, whom a stranger might regard as cold and haughty, but who was most kind, gentle, and courteous to friends,—Uriah Balkam, whom God, in his loving kindness, so suddenly removed from a world where injustice and calumny had embittered his life, to a tribunal where all secret things are laid bare, and I doubt not he found that justice there, which was denied him here. There, too, was that most eloquent of the younger preachers of Maine, George B. Little, and the impulsive, fiery Drummond, with such earnest speech and loving heart, and that silver-tongued orator, who came in

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with us and won so high a place in our hearts, J. B. Condit, of Portland. It is a noble record of men whose praise is in all the churches, but I must close it, for I would add a word in memory of the brethren and sisters of the churches whose prayers, and presence, and aid, have so largely given character and tone to our annual meetings. And here I cannot dwell but a moment on the names that come thronging on my memory, of deacons, and brethren, and mothers, and sisters in our Israel, whom you always met in the conference and whose welcome was warm from the heart. Their record is on high. I must allude to William Ladd, the apostle of peace, whose bald, shining head and broad, bright face was always seen in our meetings. He was always ready for every good word and work, but first and last his plea was for peace on earth. How good it was to hear his hearty laugh, his ready repartee! I remember some good brother, who had the Maine idea about prefixes and suffixes, as Dr. Chapin, of Wethersfield, used to call them—an idea that has spared the Maine minutes the infliction of "semilunar fardels"—objected to calling Mr. Ladd *Captain*, as he was styled in ordinary life, in the Conference, and suggested it be simply Bro. Ladd. "That is right," responded Bro. Ladd, "that is right, for *Captain* might mean the master of a vessel, or it might mean something worse, a Captain in the militia."

The women of that day never desired to bear part in public service, either by speaking or writing. But oh! how warm and generous was their hospitality. What splendid hearers they were, wide-awake to catch every word, and cheering the speaker by the answering sympathy of the eye and the countenance. I remember at Brunswick an intelligent, pious lady rose to speak in the morning prayer-meeting. She spoke well, but there was that hushed silence over the house, that always marks an unexpected innovation on old customs, when suddenly the gravity of the meeting was wonderfully disturbed by Father Kellogg, who cried out in the shrill and piping voice of age, "Short and sweet, sister! that's the way!" It was hard to observe the proprieties of the place, but it soon passed away, and I do not remember any repetition of this kind for many years.

In closing these reminiscences, I would refer briefly to some of the causes that have made the Maine Conference so full of interest in years past.

1. The Maine Missionary Society had prepared the way for such a meeting of the churches. That society as the foster mother of nearly all the churches in Maine, was peculiarly dear to the Congregational churches. The Conference was wisely attached to this meeting, and at once formed a part of what the older members of our churches always called the missionary meeting.

2. The rule, before referred to, prohibiting the assumption of ecclesiastical power, has been our safeguard from falling into judicatory action, always fatal to spiritual life. So rigidly has this rule been applied, that I do not recall more than one violation in these forty years. At the meeting in Fryeburg, 1845, under the heat of the anti-slavery excitement, a vote was passed, dissenting from certain resolutions adopted by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church, at their recent annual meeting. I thought then, and think still, that it was an assumption of ecclesiastical power; but it is a remarkable record that shows but one such example.

3. The prominence given to devotional exercises over all business matters,

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has had much to do in giving character to our meetings. Our meeting was one of communion with God and his people. All matters of business were crowded into the briefest possible space, and never allowed to consume the time of the public meeting.

4. The exclusion of long, written essays, and the rigid enforcement of the short speech rule. There was nothing cut and dried in former years like that which, in *some* later years, has well-nigh destroyed the life and spirit of our meetings. The opening speakers, generally two, were allowed ten minutes, those who followed them but five; and the Moderator never hesitated to cut a man off in the middle of a word if his time was out. I remember well such an experience more than once. The rule was an admirable one. It compelled a man to speak to the point, without prefix or apology. Occasionally, some agent, or foreign delegate, would waste his five minutes, in proving the impossibility of doing his subject justice under such a rule, but ordinarily the speaker dashed "*in medias res*," and hit the mark. It is a grand, good rule, and I hope it will be enforced rigidly. Let the Conference be open to free discussion, fresh and extempore. Its life will depart if all the speaking is prepared beforehand, written out and uttered memoriter, in long speeches, that lack the vigor of thought and utterance kindled by discussion.

5. The deep fraternal feeling among ministers and churches, has had much to do with the blessed influences of our Conference system. We have had no bishops, no Diotrephes, seeking pre-eminence. We have had pure Congregationalism, one Head, which is Christ, and all his followers brethren. Our extreme poverty has helped us in this, for love abounds with the poor. Hence we have loved one another, and I desire to enter my record, as one who has shared in all the earnest discussions on slavery and temperance, for the last forty years, that while we have spoken right out our thoughts, and differed as thinking men will, there has been no alienation of heart; but we have met, and still meet, with as cordial greeting, as warm clasp of the hands, as loving affection of the heart, as though in all things we saw eye to eye.

Finally, the prayer of the churches has hallowed the "missionary meeting" and the Conference. These old Christians, well trained in the Westminster Catechism, and who read Scott's Commentary entire more than once, were well rooted and grounded. They believed in prayer, and they prayed for the blessing of God on the annual gathering of the churches, and signal were the answers to prayer. May the coming fifty years record earnest prayer from all the churches, as they come to their solemn assembly, and most glorious shedding down of the Spirit in answer to those prayers, that every meeting may be a "great meeting," watering and blessing all the country round.

God bless the State of Maine! God bless the churches of Maine; her schools and colleges; her industries of every name! May her political rulers and legislators, by their unsullied integrity, and enlightened zeal for the public good; her churches, by their soundness of doctrine, purity of life, and earnest work for Christ; her colleges and schools, by their elevated aim to instruct alike the mind and the heart; and all her citizens of every calling and profession, by their enterprise, thrift, honesty, and industry, make her worthy to wear the proudest motto ever worn on National or State escutcheon; so that Maine may be the guiding, polar star in all that is exalted and ennobling in political creed and

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action, in religious faith and practice, in educating mind and heart, and in all the business of daily life.

"The past," as Webster said of Massachusetts, "at least, is secure." The record of these fifty years is all written. It is illumined by great names—our fathers—men of God, and of prayer, whose memory is blessed, and whose works do follow them. It is hard to realize that with but few earlier in the field, as John A. Douglass, of Waterford, who is resting from one of the longest pastorates in Maine, Adams, Hathaway, Hawes, Thurston, etc., to whom I have already alluded, I, with my cotemporaries, fill the places held by those venerable fathers, Sewall, Sawyer, Gillett, Tappan, Cummings, and their cotemporaries—when in our early manhood we took upon us our ordination vows, and received the laying on of the hands of the presbytery, from these venerable men now passed away. Would that our influence with the younger brethren might be as precious; our memory as dear, as these loved fathers have been to us.

Again I say, God bless the churches of Maine! Far away by the Pacific shore, a continent divides you and me, but my heart is with you in all the associations of this day; and while life and breath remain, though I would cherish all the wide field, my deepest, strongest affections must cling to Maine, the scene of my youthful consecration to the church, the field of my life labor, where generations of my fathers, who all died in the faith, sleep in Jesus, and where I hope to find my grave. My earnest prayer is for Maine, dear old Maine. God bless her now, and evermore!

EDWARD F. CUTTER.

SAN JOSE, CAL., June 17, 1876.

Reminiscences by Rev. Thomas Adams, see p. 65. Other Reminiscences, see p. 23.

"Lessons from the Fathers," by Rev. Smith Baker, of Lowell, Mass., in Christian Mirror, Aug. 5, 1876, referring to Revs. Benjamin Tappan and David Thurston.

Of Dr. Tappan, by Rev. T. L. Shipman, of Connecticut; and of Laymen, by G. H. Shirley, Christian Mirror, Aug. 12.

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THE CHRISTIAN MIRROR.

From a valuable series of articles prepared by Charles A. Lord, Esq. (formerly Proprietor and Editor of the Mirror), giving "Press Reminiscences of Forty Years," it is stated in "No. 15," published in the Mirror of July 27, 1875, that

Christians in Maine, in the first years of this century, felt the necessity of a religious press. In 1803, Nathaniel Willis established the Eastern Argus, as a Republican paper. He writes in 1808, "When the politicians were disposed to abandon the Argus, on account of the little religion in it, I should have made it a religious paper, if I had received the encouragement and aid of Christians." After consultation with individuals, and afterward with the Trustees of the Maine Missionary Society, who met at Bath in 1810, the matter was suffered to drop, on account of the hardness of the times, and Mr. Willis removed to Boston in 1812, and established the Boston Recorder in 1816.

The establishment of the Christian Mirror originated in a prayer-meeting which was organized in Portland, about the year 1820, by the male members of Dr. Payson's church. It met every Sabbath evening at the house of Dea. Nathaniel Dana, on Free street.

Mr. Charles Blanchard, one of that band, still living in Boston, wrote Mr. Lord in 1869, July 4, "Rev. Asa Rand and Thaddeus Pomeroy, his successor at Gorham, with Dea. Woodbury Storer, met at my house, corner of Congress and Temple streets, to consult as to the establishment of a religious newspaper." This gentleman had the "privilege to obtain the first hundred subscribers in Portland," adding, that "the paper was considered the child of the Congregational churches."

Mr. Arthur Shirley was a member of this praying circle, and being a practical printer he consented to publish the Christian Mirror if Rev. Asa Rand would edit it; this Mr. Rand consented to do. The first number of the Christian Mirror was issued Aug. 24, 1822. In less than three years Mr. Rand retired, and was succeeded by Mr. J. L. Parkhurst, who edited the paper till August, 1826. Rev. Asa Cummings commenced with Volume V. his editorial work.

January, 1833, the Mirror announced the close of Mr. Shirley's connection with the paper, and that it would be continued by its editor, Rev. Asa Cummings. The May following, the Maine Missionary Society purchased the establishment, and for twelve years annually elected Dr. Cummings as its editor. At the expiration of this time, July, 1845, Dr. Cummings became proprietor as well as editor, and remained so till January, 1856,—completing nearly thirty years of editorial service.

In the fall of 1851, Mr. C. A. Lord became connected with the paper, and Jan. 1, 1856, on the retirement of Dr. Cummings, succeeded him as Proprietor and

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Editor. Rev. Edward F. Cutter aided in editorial labor the first year. After twenty-three years' connection with the office (excepting nine months' service as State Superintendent of Common Schools), and eighteen and one-half years of editorial responsibility, Mr. Lord's health required relief from this protracted service.

Near the close of the year 1873 (Nov. 28th), Rev. B. P. Snow was conditionally admitted to the Mirror office; after a few months it was found that there was no such promised increase of subscribers as to warrant this additional expense, and, by advice of friends, Mr. Lord accepted Mr. Snow's offer to buy the paper. Mr. F. E. Shaw became an equal partner in this purchase, and Aug. 28, 1874, the paper took the imprint of F. E. Shaw & Co. In four months a change was found necessary, and January, 1875, Mr. Shaw assumed the exclusive control, with Revs. E. Y. Hincks, E. H. Byington, L. L. Paine, and G. S. Dickerman, editors. The last number (No. 11, Vol. LIV.) was published in Portland, Oct. 19, 1875.

The Mirror was then sold to Nelson Dingley, jr., & Co., of Lewiston, and removed to that city; No. 12, Vol. liv., being issued on the 30th of October, 1875, Rev. Israel Perkins Warren, D. D., Editor. Dr. Warren is a graduate of Yale College and Seminary; was pastor in Connecticut ten years; Secretary of the American Seaman's Friend Society, New York, three years; Secretary of the American Tract Society, Boston, eleven years; Editor and Publisher, five years.

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MAINE CONGREGATIONAL CHARITABLE SOCIETY.

This Society was organized in Portland, October 16, 1828, and further proceedings were held at the same place, Jan. 13, 1829. It was incorporated Feb. 25, 1829. An account of its beneficent work from that time to 1856, may be found in the Minutes of 1856, pp. 49, 50. The objects of the Society are stated in Minutes for 1859, p. 70.

The disbursements of the Society to 1856, to an average of seven families each year, was $2,425. From 1829 to 1835, payments were made and disbursed, mostly in notes of $20 each,—in addition to receipts noted below.

The Annual meetings have been held in connection with the General Conference, from 1829. An Anniversary Sermon has been preached each year from 1833 to 1865. Since then remarks have been made in connection with the anniversary. The invested fund is $3,100.

TABULAR VIEW.

Year.	Annual Meeting.	Preacher.		Receipts.	Families Aided.
1829	Waldoboro				
1830	Winthrop				
1831	Fryeburg				
1832	Wiscasset			$113 00	
1833	Portland, Third Ch	William Allen,	Acts 16: 30—33		
1834	Bath, North				
1835	Bangor, Hammond St				
1836	Augusta	J. W. Ellingwood,	Jas. 1: 29	45 42	3
1837	North Yarmouth	C. Bradley.	Gal. 6: 2	81 54	3
1838	Saco	S. L. Pomeroy,	1 Cor. 9: 14	101 55	4
1839	Brunswick	T. Pomeroy,	Rom. 12: 15	142 90	5
1840	Hallowell	C. Hurd,	2 Tim. 1: 7	69 70	4
1841	Machias	J. B. Condit,	Zach. 1: 5	43 84	5
1842	Portland, Second Ch.	E. N. Kirk, Boston,	Mal. 4: 5, 6	56 45	5
1843	Bangor, First	J. Sewall, jr.,	John 19: 25—27	120 00	5
1844	Bath, Third	S. Thurston,	Phil. 4: 1; and 1 Thes. 5: 12, 13	60 59	5
1845	Fryeburg	E. Thurston,	Nehem. 6: 3	80 01	5
1846	Augusta	G. E. Adams.	Ps. 96: 5	150 88	6
1847	Portland, High St	E. Pond,	John 5: 42	246 08	5
1848	Bangor, Hammond St	B. R. Allen,	1 Tim. 5: 18	134 44	6
1849	Bath, Winter St	J. R. Adams,	Titus 3: 8	91 00	7
1850	South Berwick	A. Cummings,	Ephes. 4: 15	138 05	5
1851	Yarmouth, First	J. Wilde,	Acts 10: 38	94 89	7
1852	Searsport, First	S. Tenney,	John 4: 29	79 74	7
1853	Saco	G. Shepard,	Luke 11: 41, and 1 Tim. 6: 9	147 93	9
1854	Bangor, Central	J. O. Fiske,	1 Cor. 1: 23	146 30	10
1855	Portland, Third	U. Balkam,	1 Kings 19: 10	281 17	13
1856	Calais	H. S. Carpenter,	Philip. 2: 4	186 80	12
1857	Bath, Central	E. B. Webb,	Luke 24: 49	177 28	13
1858	Augusta	H. D. Moore,	Rom. 3: 19—26	58 00	9
1859	Portland, State St	E. W. Gilman,	Matt. 25: 40	185 51	13
1860	Bangor, First	E. Whittlesey,	2 Cor. 5: 20	161 42	11
1861	Brunswick	A. J. Bates,	1 Thess. 2: 4	174 23	14
1862	Portland, High St	J. T. Hawes,	1 Cor. 1: 21	216 20	15
1863	Biddeford, Second	E. Hawes,	Luke 2: 34, 35	236 67	11
1864	Searsport, First	G. L. Walker,	1 Tim. 5: 10	*849 17	12
1865	Portland, Second	B. Tappan,	1 Cor. 13: 13	*530 19	12
1866	Bath, Central	Remarks, Ives, Cutter, Hayes, Tenney, and Carpenter		*1,229 52	11
1867	Lewiston	"	E. E. Adams, J. O. Fiske, and S. Harris	*896 15	12
1868	Thomaston	"	S. Adams, Balkam, Herrick, Hardy, and Gale	272 28	11
1869	Bangor, Hammond St	"	E. F. Cutter, and H. F. Harding	584 34	11
1870	Yarmouth, First	"	U. Balkam, and C. Packard	459 41	15
1871	Bath, Winter St	"	S. Thurston, and J. E. Adams	397 46	14
1872	Skowhegan	"	J. O. Fiske, E. F. Cutter, E. Bean, & S. Adams	346 90	14
1873	Gorham	"	Cutter, Byington, Chickering, and J. E. Adams	*813 50	13
1874	New Castle, Second	"	J. E. Adams, Cutter, D. Garland, & Byington	*588 71	11
1875	Augusta	"	S. Tenney, and J. E. Adams	*832 11	14
1876	Portland, Second	"	W. Parker, Dr. Chickering, and J. E. Adams	714 81	15

*Includes payments to permanent fund.

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ABBOT.

Organized 1841, *February* 2.

JOHN A. PERRY.....a.p. from Jan., 1860
*Guilford, 1868, Oct. 16, æt 65

NATHAN W. SHELDON.....a.p. 1870, March 1, to Oct., 1870
*Natick, Mass., 1873, Nov. 26, æt 82

CHARLES DAVISON... .a.p. 1873, July 1, to Oct., 1873
a.p. Greenville, from 1873, Oct. 21

AMOS REDLON..a..p. 1874, Sept. 1, to 1875
This church merged in that of Abbot Village, 1875, Nov. 23.

ABBOT VILLAGE.

Organized 1875, *Nov.* 23.

AMOS REDLON.....a.p. 1875, Nov. 23

ACTON.

Organized 1871, *September* 18.

Originally First Church in First Parish, Shapleigh.

(*Acton incorporated in* 1830.)

Students from Bangor Seminary, 1867-8
WILLIAM S. THOMPSON.....a.p. from 1869, Jan. 1

ALBANY.

Organized 1803, *September* 15.

SAMUEL L. GOULD.....a.p. 1856, July 6, to 1870, July 6
Res. Bethel

DEANE R. ATKINS....a.p. 1870, Nov. 20, to 1871, March 20, and 1874, 3 mos.

NICHOLAS PEASE.....a.p. 1871, June 1, 3 months.

JOHN E. SMITH.....a.p. 1872, June 29, 4 mos., and 1873, July 1, 3 mos.

E. P. CHITTENDEN....a.p. 1875, May 15, 4 mos.

ALBION.

Organized 1830, *September* 6.

Not reported in Minutes, since 1867.

CALVIN WHITE.....a.p. 1849, 2 mos.
Residence, Amherst, Mass., 1867

TALMON C. PERRY....a.p. 1853, Jan. 25, 3 mos.

HARRISON FAIRFIELD..a.p. 1853, Sept. 1, 3 mos.
*Bristol Mills, 1855, July 11, æt 43

ALEXANDER.

Organized 1854, *November* 7.

Not reported in Minutes since 1874.

ALFRED.

Organized 1780.

Re-organized 1791, *September* 8.

Parish organized 1782, *July* 1.

JOHN ORR.....a.p. from 1844, Sept. 1
Ord. 1846, May 7
Dis. 1867, Oct. 8
*Melrose, Mass., 1869, Jan. 25, æt 56

GEORGE LEWIS.....a.p. 1869, Jan. 20, to 1870, Dec.
Pastor South Berwick, 1874. Jan. 15

JOSEPH KYTE.....Ins. 1871, Nov. 1
Dis. 1875, July 6
a. p. Buxton, 1875, May 1

BENJAMIN P. SNOW.....a.p. 1875, July

ALNA.

Organized 1796, *September* 27.

GILBERT B. RICHARDSON.....a.p. 1866, Aug. 19, to 1871, July 1
a.p. New Alstead, N. H., 1874

JOHN HASKELL.....a.p. ½ 1872, May 26

AMHERST AND AURORA.

Organized 1830, *September* 14.

R. PERCY HUBBARD..a.p. 1867, May 5, to Sept., 1867

REUBEN D. OSGOOD....a.p. 1867, Sept., to 1867, Nov. a.p. Limington, 1873, Nov. 1

HENRY S. LORING....a.p. 1867, Nov. 24, to 1874, Nov. 1
a.p. Phipsburg, 1874, Oct. 4

DUGALD MCGREGOR....a.p. 1875, June, 2 mos.

SAMUEL L. VINCENT....a.p. 1876, June, 4 mos.

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ANDOVER.

Organized 1800, *November* 8.

WILLIAM V. JORDAN...a.p. 1859, Oct. 2
Resigned 1867, Sept.
Res. Cambridgeport, Mass.

HOLLAND B. FRYE....a.p. 1868, Feb. 1,
to 1868, Nov.

AMASA LORING.....a.p. 1868, Dec. 1, to
1870, May 30

WM. H. AYERS.....a.p. 1870, June 1,
4 mos.

HENRY FARRAR.....a.p. 1870, Sept. 25

EDWARD F. CUTTER...a.p. 1872, July 1,
3 mos.

JOHN ELLIOT.....a.p. 1873, 3 mos.
a.p. Rumford

JAMES L. HILL..a.p. 1873, July 1, 3 mos.
Pastor North Ch., Lynn, Mass., 1875

WILLIAM A. MERRILL.....a.p. 1874,
July 1, 3 mos.
a.p. Sherman, 1875

CALVIN CHAPMAN....a.p. 1874, Oct. 17,
to 1875, Sept. 5
Res. Kennebunkport

SAMUEL W. PEARSON..a.p. 1876, May 1

ANSON.

Organized 1804, *April* 19.

J. B. GRISWOLD.....a.p. 1863, 1 mo.

JOHN K. DEERING....a.p. 1863–4, 8 mos.

ALEXANDER R. PLUMER.....a.p. 1864,
April 17, to 1872

PHILIP TITCOMB.....a.p. 1872, 1 mo.

GEORGE W. HATHAWAY.....a.p. 1872,
Sept. 19, to 1873, July 29

LAURISTON REYNOLDS..a.p. 1874, 1 mo.
a.p. Sixth St. Chapel, Auburn, 1875

HENRY JONES....a.p. 1875, June 1, 1 mo.

ATHENS.

Organized 1836, *April* 21.

GEO. W. HATHAWAY...a.p. 1863, 6 mos.

CONVERSE R. DAGGETT.....a.p. 1865,
July 1, to 1866, July 1; 1867,
June 6, to 1868, July 6

ALEXANDER R. PLUMER.....a.p. 1868,
Sept. 1, to 1871

WILLIAM S. SEWALL....a.p. from 1871,
Sept. 25

ATKINSON.

Organized 1842, *March* 2.

RUFUS W. EMERSON.....a.p. 1862, June
10, to 1868
Res. Monson
Occasional supply since.

AUBURN.

Lewiston Falls Cong. Ch. Organized 1826,
February 8. *High St. Cong. Soc.*

DANIEL W. PICKARD..a.p. 1858, few mos.
*Auburn, 1860, Feb. 6, æt 30

AARON C. ADAMS.....Ins. 1858, Oct. 26
Dis. 1867, Nov. 5
P. Wethersfield, Conn., 1868, Mar. 18

HENRY L. HALL.....Ins. 1868. Jan. 23
Dis. 1868, Mar. 24
*Poughkeepsie, N.Y., 1869, Nov. 6, æt 34

GEORGE HARRIS, JR...Ord. 1869, Oct. 6
Dis. 1872, Jan. 15
Pastor Central Ch., Prov., R. I., 1872

ANSON P. TINKER.....a.p. 1872
Ord. 1873, Oct. 16

AUBURN, WEST.

Organized 1844, *May* 1. (*Part of Minot to* 1842.)

ALPHA MORTON.....a.p. 1863, April 2,
to 1871, Nov.
Pastor Oakham, Mass., 1872

Students of Bangor Seminary....1872

LEWIS GOODRICH.....a.p. 1872, Oct. 24,
to 1875, May 30
a.p. Warren, 1875, August

JOSEPH S. COGSWELL.....a.p. 1876

AUBURN. Sixth St. Church.

Organized 1875, *Sept.* 16.

LAURISTON REYNOLDS.....a.p. from
1875, June
Ord. Ev., 1875, Sept. 16

AUGUSTA.

South Church. Organized 1786, *Oct.* 11.
Re-organized 1794, *Oct.* 7.

JOEL E. BINGHAM....Ord. 1867, Dec. 19
Dis. 1870, Sept. 5
Rector, Portsmouth, N. H.

JAMES H. ECOB. .....Ord. 1872, Oct. 2

AUGUSTA, NORTH.

Organized 1829, *December* 23.

In May, 1865, by request of the five remaining members of this church, they were received to membership in the South Church, and the church in North Augusta became extinct.—(E. A. N.)

AUROBA. (See Amherst.)

BALDWIN

(*And Sebago*, 1830 *to* 1838.)

Organized 1821, *May* 16.

JOSEPH E. WALKER...a.p. 1871, Aug. 1,
6 months
Missionary, Foochow, China, 1872

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BANGOR. First Church.

Organized 1811, *November* 27.

LYMAN S. ROWLAND..Ord. 1864, Nov. 16
Dis. 1867, July 9
Pastor, Saratoga Springs, 1872, July 25

JOHN R. HERRICK.....a.p. 1867, Aug. 1,
to 1868, Nov.
Pastor, South Hadley, Mass., 1874

DRS. HERRICK and WM. M. BARBOUR..
a.p. 1868, Nov. 30, to 1870, March

S. P. NEWMAN SMYTH. Ord. 1870, Mar. 3
Resigned 1874, April 1
Dis. 1875, April 29
Pastor, Quincy, Ill., 1875

WILLIAM M. BARBOUR.....a.p. 1874,
April 1, to 1875, April

DR. BARBOUR and JOHN S. SEWALL...
a.p. 1875, April 1

BANGOR. Hammond St. Church.

Organized 1833, *December* 5.

SOLOMON P. FAY.....Ins. 1866, Nov. 8

BANGOR. Central Church.

Organized 1847, *April* 1.

GEORGE W. FIELD....Ins. 1864, Mar. 29

BATH. Winter St. Church.

Formerly North Ch. Organized 1795, *Dec.* 8. *First Church assumed name of Winter St. Church*, 1844, *Feb.* 2.

JOHN ORR FISKE.....Ord. 1843, Aug. 17

BATH. Second, or South Church.

Organized 1805, *December* 21.

(Not reported in Minutes since 1835.)

BATH. Third, or Central Church.

Organized 1835, *July* 8.

AUGUSTUS F. BEARD..Ins. 1862, Aug. 12
Resigned 1868, December
Dis. 1869, February 3
Pastor, Syracuse, N. Y., 1869, May

WILLIAM HART.....Ins. 1870, Nov. 2

BATH. Weeks St. Church.

Organized 1855, *May* 22.

(Not reported in Minutes since 1860.)

SAMUEL H. TOLMAN.....a.p. 1855–6
*Nelson, N. H., 1873, Oct. 6, æt 47

BELFAST.

Organized 1796, *December* 29.

WOOSTER PARKER.....Ins. 1856, Oct. 8
Dis. 1870, Nov. 14. Res. Belfast

RUFUS K. HARLOW.....a.p. 1870, Dec.,
to 1872, January 7
Pastor, Medway, Mass., 1872, Feb.

R. HENRY DAVIS.....a.p. 1872, Feb., to
1873, May
Pastor, Granby, Mass., 1875

JOHN A. ROSS.....a.p. from 1873, June
Ins. 1873, Sept. 14

BELFAST. North Church.

Organized 1846, *September* 24.

TRUEMAN A. MERRILL..a.p. 1861, Dec. 1,
to 1863, Aug. 1, (corrected)
Pastor, Wayland, Mass., 1873

JOSIAH W. C. PIKE....a.p. 1865, Sept. 1,
to 1866, October
a.p. Holland, Mass., 1874

T. F. CHAMBERS..a.p. 1870, May 1, 3 mos.

DANIEL L. SMART.....a.p. 1870, Aug. 1,
3 months

ROBERT DOIG....a.p. 1871, June 1, 4 mos.

WILLIAM N. TODD.....a.p. 1872, May,
6 months

ARTHUR G. FITZ. ....a.p. 1873, May 24,
6 months
Pastor, West Stafford, Conn., 1875

JOHN A. ROSS.....s.s. in summer, P. M.
service, 1875–6

BENTON.

Organized 1858, *July* 16.

HENRY M. VAILL.....a.p. 1859, Sept. 1,
8 months. Res. Portland

SAMUEL K. SMITH.....of Colby Univ.
occa. supply 1860 to 1867

FRANK G. CLARK.....a.p. 1868, March

WM. S. BROWN.....a.p. 1869–70, 9 mos.

BENJ. A. ROBIE.....a.p. 1871, 6 mos.

F. T. BAILEY.....occ. supply, 1872

FRANK C. BAGLEY....a.p. 1872, July 1,
2 months

CHARLES D. CRANE...a.p. 1873, May 10,
3 months

JOHN DINSMORE...a.p. from 1873, Nov. 9

BERWICK. Second Church.

(*Blackberry Hill.*) *Organized* 1755, *March* 13.

See So. Berwick, corrected from Minutes 1867, p. 7.

JOHN MORSE.....Ord. 1755, April 30
*1765, æt 35

MATTHEW MERIAM.....Ord. 1765, Sept.
*1797, Jan., æt 60

JOSEPH HILLIARD.....Ord. 1797, Oct.
Dis. 1825
"From Parish," 1828, May, (Greenleaf.)
Pastor, in Minutes to 1832
*Berwick, 1842, æt 69

JOSIAH T. HAWES.....a.p. 1826, Aug.,
to 1827, February
a.p. Litchfield, 1867, July 1
Not in Minutes since 1836,—extinct.
(See South Berwick.)

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BETHEL. First Church.

Organized 1799, *October* 7.

JOHN B. WHEELWRIGHT.....a.p. 1859, April 17, to 1867, March
Pastor, South Paris, 1867, Dec. 4

EUGENE H. TITUS.....a.p. 1869, April 1
Ins. 1869, June 1
Dis. 1870, Dec. 6
*Georgetown, Mass., 1876, July 21, æt 41

W. H. AYERS.....a.p. 1871, May 14
Res. Lebanon, N. H., 1876

G. B. TOLMAN.....
EBEN. S. JORDAN.....
*HORACE TOOTHAKER...
S. F. NORCROSS.....
.....1872

Ministers visiting in summer.....1873

NAHUM W. GROVER....a.p. 1874, Jan. 1, to 1875, June 1
a.p. Topsham, 1875, Dec. 1

G. L. CLARK.....a.p. from 1876, July

BETHEL. Second Church.

Organized 1849, *January* 31.

DAVID GARLAND.....a.p. 1849, April, to Aug. 15
Ord. 1849, Aug. 15

BIDDEFORD. First Church.

Organized 1730, *April* 30.

WILLIAM DAVENPORT..Ins. 1844, May 1
Dis. 1846, July 22
*Otisfield, 1865, Oct. 30, æt 62

NATHANIEL RICHARDSON.....a.p. 1867, Mar. 1, to 1869, Mar. 1
a.p. West Gloucester, Mass. 1874

LUDWIG WOLFSON...a.p. 1870, Mar. 27, to July, 1870
a.p. Plymouth, Wis., 1875

E. M. COREY.....a.p. 1870, Aug., 4 mos.

JOSIAH W. KINGSBURY...a.p. 1871, Oct. 1, to 1872
Pastor, No. Reading, Mass., 1872

HENRY B. HART.....a.p. 1873, June 1, to 1875
a.p. Weld, 1875

G. S. THRALL..a.p. 1875, May 15, 3 mos.

R. WRIGHT.....a.p. 1876, 4 mos.

BIDDEFORD. Second Church.

Organized 1805, *March* 1.

(*Parish incorporated* 1797.)

JAMES M. PALMER...Ins. 1864, Dec. 27
Closed labors 1867, April
Dis. 1868, Mar. 5
Res. Cambridgeport, Mass., 1875

JOHN D. EMERSON..a.p. 1868, from Jan. 1
Ins. 1868, Mar. 5
Closed labors 1876, Apr. 1

GEORGE B. MERRILL...p.e. 1876, Sept. 1

BIDDEFORD. Pavilion Church.

CHARLES TENNEY.....Ins. 1858, Dec. 2
Dis. 1871, May 22
Pastor, Chester, N. H., 1871

ANDREW J. ROGERS.....a.p. 1872, from Apr. 14
Ord. 1873, July 10
Dis. 1875, Jan. 20
*Winooski, Vt., 1876, May 6, æt 42

JOHN R. CHALMERS.....a.p. from 1875, Sept. 26
Resigned 1876, June

BINGHAM.

Organized 1805, *July* 24.

HENRY O. THAYER.....a.p. 1865, Oct. 1, to 1867, Sept. 12
a.p. Woolwich, 1867

JOHN K. DEERING.....a.p. 1867, Oct. 1, 9 mos.

EDWIN P. WILSON.....a.p. 1868, Aug. 1, 3 mos.
Pastor, Watertown, Mass., 1872

JEREMIAH E. FULLERTON....a.p. 1868, Nov., 7 mos.
Pastor, Southbridge, Mass., 1873

WM. H. RAND.....a.p. 1869, Oct. 3, to 1870, Oct. 1
Manchester, N. H., city miss'y, 1873

EZRA N. SMITH.....a.p. 1871, June 15, 2 mos.
a.p. Solon, 1872

BENJ. B. MERRILL.....a.p. 1872, July 1, 3 mos.
a.p. Sandy Point, 1874

H. P. CRAIG....a.p. 1873, June 1, 2 mos. and 1874, July 1, 3 mos.

E. B. CHASE....a.p. 1875, May 15, 2 mos.

BLANCHARD.

Organized 1833, *March* 13.

HENRY S. LORING....a.p. 1862, Dec. 26, to 1867
a.p. Phipsburg, 1874, Oct. 4.

RUFUS W. EMERSON...a.p. 1868, March, to 1870
Res. Monson, 1856

AMORY H. TYLER.....a.p. 1870, July 1, to 1872
a.p. Monson, 1870, July 1

AMOS REDLON.....a.p. 1874, Sept. 1

BLOOMFIELD.

(Part of Canaan to 1814.)

Organized Pres. Ch. 1784, *Sept.* 1. *Re-org. as Cong. Ch.* 1794, *June* 11. *Org. New Cong. Ch.* 1801, *Nov.* 19.

Former org. abandoned.

Bloomfield, in Minutes to 1860. Bloomfield and Skowhegan to 1868. Skowhegan from 1869. (See Skowhegan.)

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BLUEHILL.

Organized 1772, *October* 7.

SAMUEL BOWKER....Ins. 1860, Sept. 25
Dis. 1867, Aug. 20
a.p. Salem, N. H. 1873

JOHN W. SAVAGE.....a.p. 1869, Apr. 4,
to 1870, Apr.
Res. Dover, N. H. 1874

PHILO B. WILCOX....a.p. 1871, Mar. 12,
to 1872, June 12
Res. Northboro, Mass.

ARTHUR H. TEBBETTS.....a.p. from
1872, July 1
Ord. Ev. 1874, Jan. 1
Resigned 1876, Apr. 16

BOOTHBAY. First Church.

Organized 1766, *July* 28.

Re-organized 1798, *September* 20.

LEANDER S. COAN.....a.p. 1865, Aug. 4,
to 1867, Sept. 15
a.p. Alton, N. H., 1875

ANDREW J. SMITH.....a.p. 1868, Aug.,
to 1872, May 25
Colleague Pastor Waterford, 1873

ALVIN B. JORDAN....a.p. 1872, July 21,
to 1873
Paola, Kansas, 1874

WM. S. SPAULDING.....a.p. 1873, June,
to 1874, June
Res. Lynn, Mass.

EZRA B. PIKE.....a.p. from 1875, June

BOOTHBAY HARBOR. Sec'd Ch.

Organized 1848, *August* 1.

GEORGE GANNETT.....a.p. from 1847
Ord. 1849, June 14
Dis. 1850, May 15
Res. Boston, Mass.

JOHN FORBUSH....Ins. 1856. Left 1857
Res. Upton, Mass.

LEANDER S. COAN.....a.p. 1865, Aug. 4,
to 1867, Sept. 15

ANDREW J. SMITH....a.p. 1868, August,
to 1872, May 25
Colleague Pastor Waterford, 1873

EZRA B. PIKE.....a.p. from 1873, June 1

BRADFORD.

Organized 1838, *March* 21.

Occasional supply.....1862-3

NATHAN W. SHELDON...a.p. from 1866,
May, to 1867
*Natick, Mass., 1873, Nov. 26, æt 82

LEANDER S. COAN....a.p. 1870, Dec., to
1871, June
a.p. Alton, N. H., 1875
(Not in Minutes since 1868.)

BREWER. First Church.

Organized 1800, *September* 9.

Supplied from Bangor Sem'y....1867-8

JOHN R. HERRICK and WM. M. BARBOUR.....a.p. 1869, Feb. 1, to 1871

JOHN W. H. BAKER..Ins. 1871, Aug. 31
Dis. 1874, Feb. 16
a.p. New Sharon, 1874

LEVI L. PAINE....a.p. from 1874, Feb. 1

BREWER. Second Church.

(*See Holden.*)

BREWER VILLAGE.

(Brewer 3d church to 1847.)

Organized 1848, *January* 18.

THOMAS SMITH.....Ord. 1846, Jan. 26
*Brewer Village, 1861, Apr. 7, æt 40

WELLINGTON NEWELL.....Ord. 1862,
June 1
Dis. 1865, July 28
Pastor, East Charlemont, Mass., 1873

CLARENDON A. STONE....a.p. 1871, 1872
Pastor, Hopkinton, N. H., 1874, Dec.

CHARLES E. HARRINGTON....a.p. 1873,
Jan. 1, to 1873, May 1
Pastor, Lancaster, N. H., 1874, October

CHARLES B. WOODCOCK.....a.p. 1874,
June, to 1875

BRIDGTON.

Organized 1784, *August* 26.

JOSIAH T. HAWES..a.p. fr. 1850, Nov. 17
Ins. 1851, Feb. 11
Dis. 1865, May 10
a.p. Litchfield, 1867, July 1

FRANKLIN E. FELLOWS.....Ins. 1866,
Jan. 4
Dis. 1868, Dec. 6
a.p. Bozrah, Conn., 1875

EDWIN P. WILSON...a.p. fr. 1869, Sept. 1
Ord. Ev. 1871, Jan. 26
Closed labors, 1872, July 1
Pastor, Watertown, Mass., 1872

JOHN T. REA.....a.p. 1873, March 1
Ord. Ev. 1873, Aug. 8
Closed labors, 1876, March 1

HENRY CARPENTER..a.p. fr. 1876, May 1

BRIDGTON, NORTH.

Organized 1832, *November* 15.

S. V. MCDUFFEE.....a.p. 1867, Aug. 1

ERNEST F. BORCHERS....a.p. 1868, May
Ord. 1869, Jan. 14
Dis. 1871, Oct. 3
a.p. No. Yarmouth, 1873, Dec. 10

NEHEMIAH LINCOLN.....a.p. from 1871,
October 29
Ord. 1872, June 15

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BRIDGTON, SOUTH.

Organized 1829, *December* 30.

BENJAMIN F. MANWELL.....Ord. 1862, October 1
Closed labors 1866, Nov. 25
Dis. 1868, June 15
*Lawler, Iowa, 1874, Feb. 24, æt 43

GEORGE F. TEWKSBURY.....a.p. 1867, Dec. 1, to 1868, August
a.p. Lyman, 1876

ADDISON BLANCHARD. Ord. 1868, Sept. 9
Dis. 1872, Nov. 25
Pastor, Cumberland Mills, 1872, Dec. 10

JOHN W. BROWNVILLE. a.p. 1873, June 10
Ord. Pastor 1873, Dec. 18

BRISTOL. First Church.

Organized (*Walpole M. H.,*) *Pres. Ch.* 1766; *Cong'l Ch.*, 1796.

SAMUEL W. PEARSON..a.p. 1867, June 1, to 1868. a.p. Albany, 1876

BRISTOL. Second Church.

Organized (*Mills Village,*) 1855, *January* 30.

HARRISON FAIRFIELD....Ord. Ev. 1855, January 30
*Bristol Mills, 1855, July 11, æt 43

TRUMAN A. MERRILL..a.p. 1855, Aug. 12, to 1859, Jan. 1
Pastor, Wayland, Mass., 1873

JOHN USHER PARSONS..a.p. 1859, Feb. 1, to 1862, Aug. 3
*Wellesley, Mass., 1874, May 21, æt 58

ROBERT C. RUSSELL...a.p. 1862, Oct. 1, to 1864. Episcopal Ch.

CHARLES MORGRIDGE..a.p. 1866, July 1, to 1867, January 1
Res. Boston, Mass., 1874

SAMUEL W. PEARSON.....a.p. 1867, Aug. 11, to 1868, July 11
a.p., Albany, 1876

WILLIAM S. SPAULDING.....a.p. 1870, May 1, to August, 1870

BRISTOL.

The two Churches united, 1871, *January* 7.

WILLIAM S. SPAULDING.....a.p. 1870, May 1, to 1874. Res. Lynn, Mass.

LEWIS D. EVANS...a.p. fm. 1874, June 4
Ord. Ev. 1875, June 30

BROOKS AND JACKSON.

(See Jackson.)

BROOKSVILLE.

Organized 1793, *July* 8.

(See Sedgwick and Brooksville.)

BROOKSVILLE, WEST. Second Church.

Organized 1826, *January* 4.

WILLIAM W. DOW....a.p. 1866, Apl. 22, to 1869, April 1
Ord. Ev. 1866, May 23
a.p. Douglass, Mass., 1874

NATHANIEL RICHARDSON.....a.p. 1869, April 10, to 1870, April 10
a.p. W. Gloucester, Mass., 1874

GEORGE S. DODGE....a.p. 1870, June 8, to October
Pastor, Hebron, Conn., 1872

HENRY H. HUTCHINSON..a.p. 1871, Jan., to 1873, Nov. 28
Res. Cape Elizabeth, 1876

EDWARD R. OSGOOD....a.p. 1874, May 4

BROWNFIELD.

Organized 1804, *October* 15.

Additional prior to 1867.
*CALEB BRADLEY, Westbrook; *AMASA SMITH, Cumberland; TILLY HOW, 1824–5, *Fryeburg; *JAMES GOOCH, Oxford; HENRY A. MERRILL, Norway; *ISAAC CARLTON, Oxford; *JONATHAN CALEF, Lyman; ARIEL P. CHUTE, Harrison; *THOMAS L. ELLIS, Kittery.

H. S. WESTON.....a.p. 1867; March 20, 3 months. Sharon, Mass.

EZRA B. PIKE.....a.p. 1867, May 26, to 1869, June
a.p. Boothbay, 1874

EDWIN S. TINGLEY....a.p. 1870, Aug. 7, to 1872, April
Ord. Ev. 1871, Feb. 1,
a.p. Huntington, Mass., 1872

NATHANIEL H. WHITTLESEY..a.p. 1873, March, 4 months

EBENEZER S. JORDAN...a.p. from 1874, March 20

BROWNVILLE.

Organized 1819, *August* 24.

Occasional supply...1864, Oct., to 1867

LEANDER S. COAN.....a.p. 1867, Nov. 9, to 1870, Nov. 6
Res. Fall River, Mass., 1875

Supply fr. Ban. Sem., 1870 to 1871, July

CHARLES L. NICHOLS....a.p. from 1871, July 30
Ins. Pastor, 1872, Feb. 20

BRUNSWICK.

Organized 1747, *June.*

Add to record in Minutes 1867, page 11, *ENOS MERRILL, *JOTHAM SEWALL, *SAMUEL GREEN, (Tutor, B. C.,) 1814 to 1816; occasionally, *TIMOTHY HILLIARD, —— HOOKER, RODNEY GOVE DENNIS, *1865, æt 74, *ASA CUMMINGS,

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(Tutor, B. C.,) JOHN KEEP, *1870, *FRANCIS NORWOOD, *SAMUEL P. NEWMAN, (Professor, B. C.,) BENJAMIN HALE, (Tutor, B. C.,) *1863, æt 66, *WILLIAM ALLEN, President, B. C., 1816 to 1822.

GEORGE E. ADAMS....Ord. 1829, Dec. 29
Resigned 1870, Aug. 24
a.p. Orange, N. J., 1870 to 1875
*1875, Dec. 25, æt 74

EZRA HOYT BYINGTON...a.p. from 1871, Jan. 10

BUCKSPORT.

Organized 1808, *May* 12.

GEORGE P. TYLER...a.p. 1867, March 3, to 1869

Supply from Bangor Seminary, 1869–70

WILLIAM FORSYTH..Ord. 1870, Sept. 15

BURLINGTON.

Organized 1827, *July* 12.

CHARLES W. JENKINS...a.p. 1865, July, to 1867, July
Editor, New York City

HENRY H. HUTCHINSON.....a.p. 1867, Aug. 1, 3 mos.

GEORGE W. KELLEY.....a.p. 1868, Sept. 24, 3 mos.

WEBSTER K. PIERCE.....a.p. 1869

KENDALL DEERING.....a.p. 1870

JOHN E. M. WRIGHT.....a.p. 1870 Oct. 20, 8 mos.

FRED. E. EMERICK.....a.p. 1871–2

EZRA ANDREWS.....a.p. 1873–4

WARREN F. BICKFORD.....a.p. 1874, June, 4 mos.

JAMES J. JONES.....a.p. 1875, June 1 4 mos.

S. W. CHAPIN....a.p. 1876, June, 4 mos.

BUXTON. South Church.

Organized 1763, *March* 16.

JOSEPH BARTLETT.....Ord. 1847, Oct. 7
Resigned 1867
a.p. South Newmarket, N. H., 1868

CHARLES H. GATES....a.p. 1868, Aug. 1, to 1871, Oct. 1
a.p. Kennebunkport, 1874, Feb. 1

SOLOMON BIXBY.....a.p. 1871, Dec. 20, to 1875, April 1
Pastor, Petersham, Mass., 1875

JOSEPH KYTE.....a.p. 1875, May 1

BUXTON CENTER. North Church.

Organized 1763, *March* 16.

North and South, one church; two branches. Two meeting-houses, four miles apart. Previous to 1852, this branch supplied ⅓ of the time, and the South church ⅔.

GEORGE W. CRESSEY....a.p. from 1852, June 6
*Buxton Center, 1867, Feb. 12, æt 56

I. H. FRARY....a.p. 1867, Mar. 20, 3 mos.

CHARLES C. PARKER...a.p. 1867, June 1, to 1868, June 1
Parippany, N. J.

JOSEPH SMITH.....a.p. 1868, Sept. 1, to 1871, Oct. 22
a.p. Minot, 1871, Oct.

SAMUEL S. DRAKE.....a.p. 1872, July 1, to 1873, July 1
a.p. Sullivan, N. H., 1873

SOLOMON BIXBY.....a.p. 1874, Jan. 1, to 1875, Jan. 1
Pastor, Petersham, Mass., 1875

JOSEPH KYTE.....a.p. 1875, March 6

CALAIS.

Organized 1825, *August* 17.

E. M. P. WELLS...a.p. 1825, to 1827, July
Epis. Ch. Missionary, Boston, Mass.

AARON B. CHURCH.....Ord. 1828, Oct. 1
Dis. 1834, March 19
*Princeton, Ill., 1857, April 23, æt 59

HORATIO B. HACKETT.....a.p. 1834, April, 2 mos.

EBER CHILD.....Ins. 1834, Dec. 31
Dis. 1837, March 22
*Byron, N. Y., 1847, Dec. 15, æt 49

FRANKLIN YEATON.....a.p. 1837, Aug., to 1838, August
*Naples, 1864, Nov. 30, æt 56

SETH H. KEELER.....Ins. 1839, Nov. 20
Resigned 1867, Jan. 1
Dis. 1874, Oct. 22
a.p. Mont Vernon, N. H., from 1868

RUFUS K. HARLOW....a.p. 1867, Mar. 1, 10 mos. Pastor, Medway, Mass., 1872

WILLIAM CARRUTHERS..a.p. from 1868, Sept. 1. Pastor, 1874, Oct. 22
Dis. 1875, Nov. 10
Pastor, So. Pittsfield, Mass., 1876, Jan. 13

CHARLES G. MCCULLY...a.p. 1876, Jan.

CAMDEN. Elm St. Church.

Organized 1805, *September* 11.

Additional 1814 to 1828.—*JOHN H. INGRAHAM, *DAVID STARRETT, *FRANCIS NORWOOD, *NATHAN W. SHELDON, BENJAMIN HOWE, *DAN-

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IEL CAMPBELL, *NELSON BISHOP—1849, WILLIAM M. BOYD, JOHN B. WHEELWRIGHT, THOMAS C. WILLIAMS, *BENJAMIN C. CHASE.

FRANKLIN B. CHAPIN..Ord. 1857, Nov. 10
Dis. 1867, Sept. 4
Pastor, Weymouth, Mass.

H. ALLEN SHOREY.....Ins. 1869, Sept. 1
Dis. 1873, Sept. 1
Pastor, Spencer, Mass., 1873, Sept. 16

EBENEZER BEAN.....a.p. 1874, Jan. 11, to 1876, Jan. 11
a.p. Fort Fairfield, 1876

WELLINGTON R. CROSS..p.e. 1876, June

CAPE ELIZABETH.

Organized 1734, *September* 10.

CHARLES E. LORD. .....a.p. 1854–55
Pastor, Chester, Vt., 1867, Aug. 8

AUGUSTUS F. BEARD..a.p. 1860, May 27, to 1862. Pastor, Syracuse, N. Y., 1869

HENRY M. VAILL.... .a.p. 1865, May 21, to 1871, May 21
Res. Hadlyme, Conn., 1874

EDWIN A. HARLOW..a.p. fm. 1871, Oct. 1
Ins. 1871, Nov. 21

CAPE ELIZABETH. Ligonia. Welsh.

Organized 1869, *March* 14.

D. A. EVANS....a.p. 1868, May 22, to 1869

THOMAS M. DAVIES..a.p. 1870, March 1, to 1871. a.p. Rockport. 1876

JOHN P. EVANS.....a.p. 1873, June 1

CARIBOU.

Organized 1869, *July* 18.

FRANKLIN D. AUSTIN.....1867, July 1, to 1870; a.p. Dunstable, Mass., 1873

WILLIAM T. SLEEPER....a.p. from 1872, Jan. 1, to 1875, April
Worcester, Mass., 1875

EBENEZER BEAN.....1876, in part.

CARMEL.

Organized 1853, *May* 5.

ALVIN B. JORDAN.....a.p. 1870, June 1, 4 mos.

CARROLL, SPRINGFIELD, and LEE.

Organized 1846, *March* 14.

JOTHAM SEWALL.....a.p. at intervals prior to 1846, and 1846, March 14, to 1847, June 20
*Chesterville, 1850, Oct. 3, æt 91

ROBERT PAGE.....a.p. 1847, Oct. 24, to 1849, Sept. 16
*W. Farmington, Ohio, 1876, Jan. 12, æt 86

JOSHUA EATON.....a.p. 1847, Oct. 24 to 1849, Sept. 16
occasional, 1850–55
*Bangor, 1875, Dec. 9, æt 73

ELI P. LITTLEFIELD.....a.p. 1849, Sept.
*Wells, 1869, Jan. 11, æt 47

NATHAN COBB.....a.p. 1850, May 18 to 1851, June
*Louisville, Ky., 1851, Aug. 16, æt 49

ALVAN J. BATES.....a.p. 1851, June 25
2 mos., and 1854, June 27, 2 mos.

STEPHEN L. BOWLER..a.p. 1851, Aug. 28
2 mos.

NATHAN W. SHELDON.....a.p. 1852, May 5, 2 mos.
*Natick, Mass., 1873, Nov. 26, æt 82

LOT B. SULLIVAN.....a.p. 1854, Aug. 31
2 mos.

CHARLES H. EMERSON.....a.p. fm. 1855, July 1. Ord. 1858, Dec. 16
Resigned 1869, July 1
Dis. 1869, Oct. 6
a.p. Creighton, Nebraska, 1871

CHARLES A. CONANT...a.p. 1862, 3 mos.

HENRY FARRAR.....a.p. 1863, May 11, 3 mos.

R. D. OSGOOD....a.p. 1868, Aug. 1, 3 mos.

WILLIAM PEACOCK....a.p. 1873, May 1, 5 mos.

FERD. V. D. GARRETSON.....a.p. 1876, 2 mos.

GEORGE W. OSGOOD....a.p. 1876, June, 4 mos.

CASCO.

(See Naples and Raymond.)

Casco and Raymond re-organized 1864, *Sept.* 22.
"Revised" 1864, *May.*

JOSEPH LORING.....a.p. 1863, June, to 1864, April 18
a.p. East Otisfield, 1874

THOMAS T. MERRY .....a.p. 1864, May, to 1865. Res. Lewiston, 1875

GEORGE F. TEWKSBURY.....a.p. 1865 May 7, to 1868, Aug. 1
a.p. Lyman, 1876, June

ALVIN B. JORDAN..a.p. 1870, July, 3 mos
Paola, Kansas, 1875

NEHEMIAH LINCOLN..a.p. 1870, July 21 to 1871, Jan. 21
Pastor, No. Bridgton, 1871

MELLEN D. STONE....a.p. 1872, June 20, 8 mos.; a.p. Windham, Vt., 1874

A. LIBBY (Bap.).....a.p. 1873

LEONARD GREEN (Meth.).....a.p. 1874, from June 1

CASTINE.

Organized 1820, *July* 27.

ALFRED E. IVES.....Ins. 1855, June 20

CHATHAM.

(See Stowe and Chatham.)]

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CHERRYFIELD.

Organized 1833, *October* 20.

NATHAN W. SHELDON.....a.p. 1834
*Natick, Mass., 1873, Nov. 26, æt 82

NATHANIEL I. FAY.....a.p. 1841, 2 mos. 1836 to 1866—Minutes, 1867, p. 12

JAMES B. TYLER.....a.p. 1870, June 4, 4 mos.

CHARLES G. HOLYOKE..a.p. 1874, May. 4 mos,

CHESTERVILLE.

Organized 1790, *February* 25.

Voted to disband—Minutes 1871, p. 39.

CLINTON.

Organized 1858, *July* 15.

GEORGE A. PUTNAM.....a.p. 1858
Pastor, Millbury, Mass. 1872

HENRY MARDEN.....a.p. 1867, Aug. 1, 3 mos.

S. K. SMITH....a.p. 1867, Nov. 1, 4 mos.

F. G. CLARK..a.p. 1869, March 25, 3 mos.

WM. F. BROWN.....a.p. 1869, July 15, 3 mos.

CHARLES D. CRANE....a.p. 1873, July 1
Ord. 1874, June 11
Dis. 1875, June 9
a.p. Waterville, June, 1875

COOPER.

Organized 1826, *February* 22.

GILMAN A. HOYT.....a.p. 1865, Aug., 3 mos.
*Hiawatha, Kansas, 1870, June 4, æt 30

HENRY B. HART. .....a.p. 1866, Aug. 5, 4 mos.
Temporary supply, 1868-9

A. H. ADAMS...a.p. 1870, June 1, 3 mos.

P. B. SHIERE.....a.p. 1871, June 16, 4 mos.

GEORGE W. LABAN.. .....a.p. 1872, May 25, 4 mos.

A. H. ADAMS...a.p. 1873, May 24, 4 mos.

CORNISH.

Organized 1840, *September* 16.

Occasional preaching to 1857.

ALBERT COLE has resided in C., his native place, and ministered to the church since July 4, 1858.

CORINNA.

Organized 1841, *August* 10.

Not in Minutes since 1859.

CORNVILLE.

Organized 1832.

Not in Minutes since 1864.

CUMBERLAND.

Organized 1793, *September* 15. *Formerly Second Ch. (N. West Ch.) North Yarmouth.*

EBENEZER S. JORDAN..a.p. 1859, Sept. 9, to 1870, May
a.p. Brownfield, 1874, March 22

URIAH W. SMALL.....a.p. 1870, April, to 1871, April
a.p. Turner, 1874, May 4

GILBERT B. RICHARDSON.....Ins. 1871, Aug. 27
Dis. 1874, April 22
a.p. E. Alstead, N. H., 1874

TRUEMAN S. PERRY....a.p. 1874, July 26

DEDHAM.

Organized 1841, *December* 23.

JAMES WELLS.....Ins. 1858, Dec. 9
Dis. 1872, June 17
Northbridge, Mass.

JOHN R. CHALMERS.....a.p. 1872, Oct. 13, 9 mos.
a.p. Biddeford Pav. Ch., 1876
Supplied from Bangor Sem'y..1873-4

FRED DE BOS.....a.p. 1875, Oct. 10, 8 mos.

JOSEPH ST. JOHN.a.p. 1876, June, 4 mos.

DEER ISLE. First Church.

Organized 1773, *August* 1.

SAMUEL S. DRAKE... a.p. 1862, Aug. 17, to 1867, March
a.p. Sullivan, N. H., 1873

HIRAM HOUSTON .....a.p 1868, April 5

DEER ISLE. Second Church.

Organized 1858, *December* 1.

JOSIAH T. CLOSSON.....a.p. 1866, April 14, to 1867

SAMUEL S. DRAKE....a.p. 1867, June 9, to 1868, Nov.
a.p. Sullivan, N. H., 1873

HENRY B. HART.....a.p. 1868, Dec. 25
Ord. 1869, Dec. 21
a.p. Weld, 1875, April

JOSHUA EATON.....a.p. 1874, March 1, 6 mos.
*Bangor, 1875, Dec. 9, æt 73

ENOCH BENSON.....a.p. 1875, May 1, 3 mos.

JOSIAH T. CLOSSON...a.p. fr. 1875, Nov.

DEERING. First Church.

(*Formerly Westbrook First Ch.*)

Organized 1765, *April* 8.

WILLIAM H. HASKELL.....a.p. 1865, July 16, to 1868
a.p. Falmouth 2d Ch., 1869

E. HUTCHINSON.....a.p. 1873, June, to 1874

JOHN F. MORGAN.....a.p. 1874, Nov. 1

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DEERING. Woodford's Corner.

Organized 1872, *September* 4.

HORACE TOOTHAKER.....a.p. 1872, Oct. 1, to 1873, Sept.
*Albany, Georgia, 1875, March 1, æt 43

WINFIELD S. STOCKBRIDGE...a.p. 1874, May 1, to 1875, Oct.
Prof., Lapham Ins. No. Scituate, R. I., 1875

WILLIAM A. BOSWORTH.....Ins. 1875, Nov. 10

DENMARK.

Organized 1829, *July* 5.

BENJ. F. MANWELL.....a.p. 1866, June 10, to 1866, Nov. 25
*Lawler, Iowa, 1874, Feb. 24, æt 43

A. S. HUDSON.....a.p. 1867, March 20, 2 mos.

EDWARD S. HUNTRESS.....a.p. 1867, July, 2 mos.
Maynard, Mass.

MARQUIS L. GORDON.....a.p. 1869, Aug. 1, 2 mos.

EDWIN S. TINGLEY...a.p. 1870, Aug. 14, to 1872, June 23
a.p. Huntington, Mass., 1872

TRUEMAN S. PERRY...a.p. 1872, July 7, to 1874, Aug. 7
a.p. Cumberland, 1874

FOSTER R. WAIT.....a. p. 1875, May 23, 3 mos.

JOHN W. BROWNVILLE..... ..a.p. 1876, part of time

DENNYSVILLE.

Organized 1805, *October* 27.

CHARLES WHITTIER..Ord. 1860, Nov. 13

DEXTER.

Organized 1834, *July* 22.

WOODBURY S. KIMBALL.....Ord. 1867, Sept. 3
Dis. 1869, July 9
a.p. Wells, First Ch., 1875

WILLIAM FORSYTH....a.p. 1869, Aug. 1, 12 mos.
Pastor, Bucksport, 1870

CALVIN G. HILL.....a.p. 1870, Aug. 1, 10 mos.
Pastor, Hamilton, Mass, 1872

AMOS REDLON.....a.p. 1871, June 1, 12 mos.
a.p. Abbot, 1875

WILLIAM E. SPEAR...,a.p. 1873, July 1, 6 mos.
Pastor, Dunbarton, N. H., 1873

THOMAS M. DAVIES....a.p. 1874, May 1, to 1875
a.p. Rockport, 1876

JEHIEL S. RICHARDS, JR.....a.p. 1876 Jan. 1

DIXFIELD.

Organized 1806, *May* 8.

Additional, prior to 1867.

SOLOMON P. FAY.....a.p. 1843, 3 mos.
Pastor, Bangor, Hammond St. Ch., 1866

JOHN ELLIOT...a.p. 1867, June 2, to 1872
a.p. Rumford Point

W. O. BURT.....a.p. 1872, July 20

ROBERT C. BEDFORD. ..a.p. 1873, July, 9 mos.

DIXMONT.

Organized 1807, *Nov.* 16. *Plymouth, a branch,* 1834, *Dec.* 14. *Dixmont and Plymouth united,* 1861, *Sept.* 10.

ISRAEL HILLS (corrected).....Ins. 1846, March 1
Dis. 1854, May 8
*Bolton, Conn., 1874, Dec. 6, æt 73

WILLIAM S. SEWALL.....a.p. 1864, June 1, to 1872, Dec. 21
a.p. St. Albans

JAMES H. FITTS.....1859–60, 3 mos.
Pastor, Topsfield, Mass., 1871

DOVER.

(See Foxcroft and Dover.)

DRESDEN.

Organized 1801, *August* 1.

Not in Minutes.

DURHAM.

Organized 1796, *March* 9.

WILLIAM H. HASKELL.....a.p. fr. 1862, Sept. 12, to 1866
Ord. Ev. 1863, March 17
a.p. Falmouth, 2d Ch., 1869

GEORGE I. NEVINS..1867, Mar. 20, 3 mos.

RICHARD C. STANLEY...a.p. 1867, June to Aug.

D. MERRIMAN..a.p. 1867, Aug. 1, 3 mos.

AMOS F. SHATTUCK....a.p. 1867, Dec. 1, to 1868, Oct.
Ord. Ev. 1868, June 3
Res. Hollis, N. H.

WALTER H. AYERS....a.p. 1869, July 1, 3 mos.

EBENEZER S. JORDAN.....a.p. 1869, Oct., to 1871, Feb. 1

F. A. JOHNSON..a.p. 1870, May 1, 2 mos.

ALBERT BUSHNELL.....a.p. 1871, May 1

C. H. HILL.....a.p. 1871, and 1873, Dec., 6 mos.

JOTHAM B. SEWALL.....a.p. 1871, Oct., to 1873

RICHARD C. STANLEY..a.p. 1873, Feb. 1, 3 mos.

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H. J. BROADWELL....a.p. 1873, May 17, 5 mos.

Brief supplies, five persons, 1873, Oct., 3 mos.

JOTHAM B. SEWALL.....a.p. 1874, June, to 1875, July

RICHARD C. STANLEY...a.p. 1875, Aug.

EASTPORT. Central Church.

Organized 1819, *February* 7.

WILLIAM C. CURTIS.....a.p. 1865, Aug., to 1866, Nov. a.p. Richmond, 1868

CALVIN BUTLER.....a.p. 1866, Oct. 3, to 1867, Oct.

E. F. BORCHERS.....a.p. 1867, June 13, 1 mo.

EDWARD R. OSGOOD..a.p. 1868, June 7, 3 mos. a.p. W. Brooksville, 1874

THOMAS E. BABB.....a.p. 1868, Sept. 25, to 1871, Feb. 1
Ord. Ev. 1869, Jan. 19
Pastor, Oxford, Mass., 1871

WEBSTER K. PIERCE...a.p. 1871, April, to 1873, May
Ord. Ev. 1872, June 11
Pastor, Brimfield, Mass., 1874

ERNEST F. BORCHERS....a.p. 1873, July, 3 mos. a.p. No. Yarmouth, 1873, Dec.

C. K. HOYT.....a.p. 1874, June 1, 2 mos.

CLARENCE A. BECKWITH.....a.p. 1875, to May 16, 4 mos.

EDGECOMB.

Organized 1788, *June* 4. *Confirmed* 1801, *Mar.* 4.

JOHN ELLIOT.....a.p. 1775, April 2, and from 1789, May 7
*Time of service unknown

THURSTON WHITING...a.p. 1776, Jan. 9, and occasional to 1786, Feb. 24
Ord. in New Castle, 1784, Oct. 25
*Warren, 1829, æt 79

—— ROLF.....a.p. 1791, Nov. 27, to 1792, June 15

EZEKIEL EMERSON....a.p. 1793, July 28
He first occupied the meeting-house with dedicatory services.
*Georgetown, 1815, Nov. 9, æt 79

*WILLIAM PICKLES...a.p. 1793, Aug. 4, to 1797, Oct., and oc. to 1798, June 24

MARSHFIELD STEELE....a.p. 1798, Nov. 28, to Sept. 30
*Machias, 1831, June 28, æt 62

AZEL WASHBURN.....a.p. 1799, Oct. 26, to Nov. 24

BENJ. CHAPMAN....a.p. fr. 1800, May 18
Ins. 1801, March 4
*Edgecomb, 1804, July 13, æt 46

SAMUEL SEWALL...a.p. fr. 1805, Jan. 17
Ord. 1807, Sept. 30. Left in 1814
*Rye, N. H., 1826, March 16, æt 61

JABEZ P. FISHER.....a.p. portion of 1815, 1816
*Deering, N. H., Dec. 13, 1836, æt 73

JONATHAN BELDEN.....a.p. 1819
*Hallowell, 1844, Jan. 3, æt 69

AMASA SMITH..a.p. 1820, July 16, to Oct. 9
*Cumberland, 1847, March 9, æt 91

THOMAS SIMPSON....a.p. 1820, Nov. 19, to 1822, Aug. 11
Vermont, and Mass.

DANIEL KENDRICK...a.p. 1822, Sept. 22, to 1833, Oct. 20
*Wilton, 1868, May 4, æt 81

FREEMAN PARKER..a.p. 1833, Oct. to Dec.
*Wiscasset, 1854, April 24, æt 78

JOTHAM SEWALL.....a.p. 1833, Dec., to 1834, Feb.
*Chesterville, 1850, Oct. 3, æt 91

EPHRAIM FOBES....a.p. from 1834, May
Ord. 1834, Oct. 22
Dis. 1836, Feb. 2
*Crystal Plantation, 1870, Jan. 11, æt 65

JOSIAH T. HAWES....a.p. 1836, Feb. 20, to 1840, Feb. 20; a.p. Litchfield.

ISAAC WESTON.....a.p. 1840, May 10, to March, 1842
*Cumberland Center, 1870, June 26, æt 83

ELIAS WELLS.....a.p. fr. 1842, Sept. 25
Ins. 1843, Jan. 15
Dis. 1847, June 6
*Charlestown, Mass., 1853, Sept. 9, æt 45

BENJAMIN DODGE...a.p. fr. 1847, Sept. 5
Ord. 1848, Oct. 11
Dis. 1850, June 13
Res. Wollaston, Mass., 1875

IVORY KIMBALL..a.p. from 1851, May 1
*Edgecomb, 1853, July 24, æt 45

W. WILLEY.....a.p. 1853

CHARLES DAME.....a.p. 1853, July, to 1854, July 24
a.p. Center Point, Iowa, 1874

EDMUND BURT.....a.p. 1854
*Gorham, N. H., 1864, July 14, æt 61

SYDNEY HOLMAN.....a.p. 1854

AMASA LORING....a.p. fr. 1854, Sept. 3
Ins. 1855, Feb. 21
Dis. 1859, Nov. 2
Res. Foxcroft, 1876

JOHN A. ROSS..a.p. 1860, Jan. 1, to Feb. 1
Pastor, Belfast, 1873

GILBERT B. RICHARDSON....a.p. from 1860, April 8
Ins. 1860, Oct. 17
Dis. 1863, Sept. 24
a.p. New Alstead, N. H., 1874

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DAVID Q. CUSHMAN....a.p. 1864, March and April. Res. Bath, 1875

WALES LEWIS..a.p. 1864, June 19, to 1865 *Pittston, 1869, Dec. 26, æt 71

JOSEPH LORING.....a.p. 1865, Mar. 12, to 1874, April a.p. East Otisfield, 1875

Occasional supply... 1875

H. H. HUTCHINSON....a.p. 1875, Nov. 14

ELIOT.

Organized 1721, *June* 21.

CHARLES PEABODY....a.p. 1866, Oct. 21, to 1869, April Chicago, Ill., 1875

BENJAMIN T. SANBORN.....a.p. 1870, July 1, to 1874 Salem, N. H.

ELLSWORTH.

Organized 1812, *September* 8.

SEWALL TENNEY.....Ins. 1835, Nov. 11 Resigned 1873, July 13 Res. Ellsworth.

FERD. V. D. GARRETSON.....a.p. 1873, Oct. 1, to 1876, February Res. Bangor, 1876

EXETER.

Organized 1828, *July*.

JOHN A. VINTON....a.p. fr. 1835, Mar. 29 Ins. 1835, July 1 Dis. 1836, Oct. 11 Res. Winchester, Mass., 1875

Not reported in Minutes since 1854.

FAIRFIELD.

Organized 1815. *May* 11.

Not in Minutes since 1864.

FALMOUTH. First Church.

Organized 1754.

JOHN C. ADAMS.....a.p. fr. 1859, Feb. 13

FALMOUTH, WEST. Second Ch.

Organized 1830, *September* 15.

EDWARD C. MILES....a.p. 1866, July 11, to 1869, May Montclair, N. J., 1875

WILLIAM H. HASKELL..a.p. 1869, Jan. 1

FARMINGTON.

Organized 1814, *December* 14.

ROWLAND B. HOWARD. Ord. 1860, Oct. 11 Dis. 1870, Aug. 9 Editor, Brooklyn, N. Y., 1875

GEORGE N. MARDEN....a.p. 1870, Oct. 1 Ins. 1871, Oct. 24 Resigned 1875, July 1 Dis. 1875, Aug. 24. Res. Bangor.

OSGOOD W. ROGERS.....a.p. 1876, Feb. Ord. 1876, June 21

FARMINGTON FALLS.

Organized 1859, *March* 3.

ISAAC ROGERS..a.p. 1865, Dec. 3, to 1868 *Farmington, 1872, Feb. 14, æt 76

ANDREW J. MCLEOD..a.p. 1868, Aug. 1, 12 mos. Pastor, Waldoboro, 1872

J. LEWIS MERRILL.....a.p. 1871-2 No. Chelmsford, Mass., 1875

J. F. D. SHURTZ.....a.p. 1876, 3 mos.

FAYETTE.

Organized 1835, *December* 19.

Not in Minutes since 1865.

FLAGSTAFF.

Organized 1844.

Not in Minutes since 1848. Branch of church in Industry.

FORT FAIRFIELD.

Organized 1844, *October* 8.

ELBRIDGE KNIGHT.....a.p. 1864 to 1867 Res. Fort Fairfield, 1875

FRANKLIN D. AUSTIN..a.p. 1867, July 1, 12 mos.

H. M. JOHNSON..a.p. 1869, Aug. 1, 3 mos

WILLIAM T. SLEEPER.....a.p. 1872, Jan. 1, to 1875, April 25 a.p. Worcester, Mass., 1875

S. R. BONNELL.....a.p. 1875, 2 mos

JOHN DINSMORE.....a.p. 1875, 1 mo.

EBENEZER BEAN.....a.p. 1876, Jan. 9

FOXCROFT AND DOVER.

(*Foxcroft only to* 1842.)

Organized 1822, *December* 30.

BENJAMIN C. CHASE..a.p. 1864, April 1 Ins. 1866, May 8 *Foxcroft, 1868, Oct. 11, æt 49

JOHN H. GURNEY.....Ins. 1869, Oct. 19 Dis. 1875, June 10 Res. Dorchester Heights, Mass., 1875

HERBERT A. LORING..Ord. 1875, June 10

FRANKFORT.

Organized 1851, *November* 18.

ABIEL H. WRIGHT.....Ord. 1866, Nov. 1 Closed labors 1867, Oct. 1 Dis. 1871, Feb. 7 Pastor, St. Lawrence St. Ch., Portland, 1871

EDWARD P. BUTLER..a.p. 1872, June 15, 4 mos.; a.p. Lyme, N. H., 1873

RICHARD B. SNELL...a.p. 1873, May 24, 4 mos.

A. F. NEWTON....a.p. 1874, June, 4 mos.

OSGOOD W. ROGERS..a.p. 1875-6, six mos. Pastor, Farmington, 1876

L. J. THOMAS....a.p. 1876, June, 3 mos.

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FREEDOM.

Organized 1858, *April* 14.

WILLIAM H. BEARD..a.p. 1866, Aug. 28. to 1869, Nov.
a.p. South Killingly, Conn., 1873

CHARLES A. YOUNG.....a.p. 1870, May to October

FERDINAND S. SCHENCK.....a.p. 1871, June 1, to Sept. 1

THOMAS L. SPRINGER.....a.p. 1872, May 4, to Oct. 4

ALFRED H. MOMENT....a.p. 1873, May 9, to 1874, Sept. 9, and 1875, June, to Sept.

ALFRED J. MCGOWN.....a.p. June, 1876

FREEMAN.

Organized 1818, *July* 12.
Not in Minutes since 1833.

FREEPORT.

Organized 1789, *December* 21.

BENJAMIN T. SANBORN..a.p. 1865, May 20, to 1870, March 7
Res. Salem, N. H.

JOHN J. BULFINCH. ...Ins. 1870, July 1
Dis. 1876. April 4
a.p. Washington, 1876, June

GEORGE MICHAEL.....p.e. 1876, July 1

FREEPORT, SOUTH.

Organized 1857, *July* 9.

AMORY H. TYLER. .....a.p. 1866
a.p. Monson, 1870

HORATIO ILSLEY.....a.p. 1868, April, to 1876, April

DAVID L. JONES.....a.p. 1876, May
Ord. Ev. 1876, Aug. 24

FRYEBURG.

Organized 1775, *August* 17.

DAVID B. SEWALL.....Ins. 1859, Dec. 8
Dis. 1873, April 30
a.p. York 1st Church, 1873, Dec.

BAMAN N. STONE... .Ins. 1874, June 18

GARDINER.

Organized 1835, *July* 28.

AUSTIN L. PARK.....Ord. 1864, Feb. 2

GARLAND.

Organized 1810, *March* 1.

PETER B. THAYER.....a.p. from 1847
Ord. 1848, Dec. 21

GILEAD.

Organized 1818, *June* 20.

JOSIAH G. MERRILL (additional,) a.p. 1834
*Lynn, Mass., 1872, Aug. 18, æt 85

CHARLES SOULE..... .....a.p. 1835
*Portland, 1869, May 31, æt 75

NOAH CRESSEY.....a.p. 1836-7
*Boston, Mass., 1867, Dec. 15, æt 91

JOSEPH WALKER.... ...a.p. 1863, June, to Nov. *1851

HENRY RICHARDSON.....a.p. 1865-66

BENJAMIN P. JOHNSON.a.p. 1868, 3 mos.

THOMAS M. MAY..a.p. 1869, June, 2 mos.

DOANE R. ATKINS.a.p. 1869, Oct., to Jan.

—— UPDYKE. .....a.p. 1870, 2 mos.

—— PEARCE.....a.p. 1871, 3 mos.

HENRY FARRAR.....a.p. 1872, to 1875, Feb., and from 1875, July

GORHAM.

Organized 1750, *April* 4.

STEPHEN C. STRONG..Ins. 1860, Feb. 15
Resigned 1867, March
Dis. 1868, August 19
Natick, Mass., 1867

CHARLES C. PARKER..Ins. 1868, Aug. 19
Dis. 1871, Sept. 23
Pastor, Parsippany, N. J., 1875

LEONARD Z. FERRIS..Ins. 1872, June 13

GORHAM, N. H.

Organized 1862, *March* 18.

THOMAS T. MERRY.....a.p. 1865, May 1, to 1866, Nov. 1
Res. Lewiston, 1875

BENJAMIN P. JOHNSON.....a.p. 1867, May 1, 6 mos.

GEORGE F. TEWKSBURY.....a.p. 1868, Sept. 1, to 1876, May 28
a.p. Lyman, 1876

A. J. BENEDICT.....a.p. 1876, June 1

GRAY.

Organized 1774.

Re-organized 1803, *October* 2.

EBENEZER BEAN.....a.p. 1863, Jan. 1, to 1873, Dec.; a.p. Fort Fairfield, 1876

EDWARD P. EASTMAN.....a.p. 1874, Jan. 1, to 1875, Dec. 26
a.p. Ossipee Center, N. H.

HERBERT R. HOWES..a.p. 1876, April 30

GREENVILLE.

Organized 1869, *December* 5.

RUFUS W. EMERSON.....a.p. 1 week each month, 1857 to 1868
Res. Monson

JAMES CAMERON.....a.p. 1868, Sept. 1, to 1869, Aug. 1

GEORGE W. BARBER..a.p. 1869, Aug. 1, to 1870, Feb. 1
U. S. Chaplain, Milwaukie, Wis.

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JAMES CAMERON.....a.p. 1870, Feb. 1, to 1872, July
Ord. Ev. 1870, June 15
a.p. San Bernardino, Cal., 1875

E. A. FORD.....a.p. 1872, July 1, 3 mos.
Res. Bangor, 1874

B. F. GRANT.....a.p. 1873, June 4, to Oct. 1. a.p. Lunenberg, Vt., 1874

CHARLES DAVISON.....a.p. 1873, Oct. 20
Ord. Ev. 1873, Oct. 22

GUILFORD.

Organized 1885, *January*.
Supplied by missionaries, 1835–1839.
Not in Minutes since 1839. United with the church in Sangerville, 1839.

HALLOWELL.

Organized 1791, *March* 15.

CHARLES G. MCCULLY.....a.p. fr. 1866, Dec. 9
Ins. 1867, Oct. 15
Dis. 1876, Jan. 11
a.p. Calais, 1876, Jan.

HAMPDEN.

Organized 1817, *May* 6.

Supplied from Bangor Seminary, 1865.
STEPHEN L. BOWLER.....a.p. 1865, Sept. 1, to 1871, July
a.p. Machias, 1874, Dec. 1

JOHN W. BROWNVILLE.....a.p. 1872
Pastor, So. Bridgton, 1873, Dec. 18

J. EVARTS POND.....Ins. 1873, June 10

HARPSWELL.

Organized 1758.

ELIJAH KELLOGG.....a.p. summers 1867–8, 1871–75
Res. Boston, Mass.

Professors Bowdoin College, 1867, 1869

Prof. JOTHAM B. SEWALL.....1870, 1874, 1875

HARRISON.

Organized 1826, *February* 15.

FERDINAND W. DICKINSON...a.p. 1866, Aug. 1, 3 mos.
a.p. Grass Lake, Mich., 1875

JAMES P. RICHARDSON.....a.p. 1867
*Gray, 1862, Nov. 15, æt 65

ERNEST F. BORCHERS.....Ord. 1869, Jan. 14. Dis. 1871, Oct. 3
a.p. North Yarmouth, 1873

NEHEMIAH LINCOLN...a.p. 1871, Oct. 20
Ord. 1872, May 15

HEBRON AND WEST MINOT.

Organized 1802, *October* 8.

Record 1867, p. 26, W. Minot should follow Hebron and West Minot, p. 20.

HORATIO ILSLEY.....a.p. 1864, April 5, to 1868, April 5. Res. So. Freeport

JOHN K. DEERING.....a.p. 1869, Dec. 1, to 1871, July 1
a.p. Tongaloo, Miss.

HENRY V. BAKER.....a.p. 1870

HIRAM.

Organized 1826, *October* 26.

EZRA B. PIKE....a.p. 1862, to 1863, May, and 1866, Oct. 1, to 1867, Oct. 1
Ord. Ev. 1863, Sept. 17
a.p. Boothbay, 1873

R. HENRY DAVIS..a.p. 1870, June, 2 mos.

HORACE H. LEAVITT.....a.p. 1871, June 25, 2 mos. Miss. in Japan, 1875.

ASHER ANDERSON....a.p. 1872, May 15, 4 mos.

R. HENRY DAVIS.....1872, Oct., to 1874, May. Ord. Ev. 1872, Nov. 12
Pastor, Granby, Mass., 1875

J. THOMPSON.....a.p. 1874, June, 3 mos.

ALBERT COLE.....a.p. fr. 1874, Oct.

HODGDON AND LINNEUS.

Organized 1845, *September* 25.

EDWARD R. OSGOOD..a.p. 1868, Aug. 14, few mos.

HOLDEN.

(Brewer, 2d Ch., to 1839.)

Organized 1823, *November* 11.

JOHN K. DEERING.....a.p. 1865, Oct. 1, to 1867, Oct. 1
a.p. Cottonwood Falls, Kan., 1868

WILLIAM FOBES, J. S. COGSWELL, *JOHN U. PARSONS, EDWARD KINGSBURY, } 1868.

JOSEPH S. COGSWELL.....Ord. 1870, Jan. 6. Dis. 1873, May 1
a.p. West Auburn, 1876

WILLIAM N. T. DEANE.....a.p. 1873, July to Sept.
Pastor, Somerset, Mass., 1875

JOHN C. EDGAR.....a.p. 1874, Oct., to 1875, June
a.p. Heath, Mass., 1875

GEORGE H. WILSON...a.p. 1875, June 6, to 1876, June 6

FLETCHER A. VALENTINE.....a.p. 1876, June, 3 mos.

HOULTON.

Organized 1833, *January* 24.

EDWARD R. OSGOOD..a.p. 1868, Aug. 14, to 1870, July 1
a.p. West Brooksville, 1874

F. V. D. GARRETSON....a.p. 1875, 2 mos.

ZENAS CROWELL.....a.p. 1876, Jan.

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INDUSTRY.

Organized 1802, *January* 21.

ALEXANDER R. PLUMER.....a.p. 1854, May 1, to 1868, July 1
a.p. Mt. Desert, 1875

STEPHEN TITCOMB.....a.p. 1868, Dec. 1, to 1871, July 1. Res. Farmington

LAURISTON REYNOLDS..a.p. 1874, May, 4 mos.
a.p. Sixth St. Chapel, Auburn, 1875

HENRY JONES.....a.p. 1875, April 5, 3 mos.

ISLAND FALLS.

Organized 1859, *September* 21.

EPHRAIM FOBES.....a.p. 1865, April 2, to 1866, April 2
*Chrystal Plantation, 1870, Jan. 11, æt 65

WILLIAM T. SLEEPER..a.p. 1866, July 1, to 1869, July 1. Worcester, Mass., 1875

JAMES G. LEAVITT.....a.p. 1869 to 1871
Pastor, New Gloucester, 1875

JOHN H. CHALMERS....a.p. 1872, 4 mos.
a.p. Biddeford, Pavilion Ch., 1876

WARREN F. BICKFORD.....a.p. 1872, to 1873, July 1
Pastor, Winthrop, 1876

THOMAS E. BRASTOW..a.p. 1873, July 1, to 1876. Res. Rockport, 1876

WILLIAM A. MERRILL....a.p. 1876, Jan.

ISLE AU HAUT.

Organized 1857, *May* 7.

JOSHUA EATON.....a.p. 1851, Nov. 1, to 1858, April 26, and 1871, 4 mos. 1872, July 14, to Oct. 20, and Aug., 1874
*Bangor, 1875, Dec. 9, æt 73

JONAS P. HALLOWELL..a.p. 1869, June, 4 mos., and 1870, Jan., 7 mos.

EDMUND J. BURGESS..a.p. 1873, June 6, 4 mos.

A. A. MURCH..a.p. 1875, May 23, 3 mos.

JACKSON AND BROOKS.

Organized 1812, *October* 6.

SILAS WARREN. Ord. 1812, Sept. 16. Dis.
*Jackson, 1856, Jan. 11, æt 61

HENRY WHITE.....Ord. 1825, Oct. 18
Dis. 1828, May 21
*Garland, 1858, Dec. 8, æt 67

ABEL G. DUNCAN.....a.p. 1829, May 13, to 1833, June 27
*Hanover, Mass., 1874, April 23, æt 72

ISRAEL HILLS.....a.p. 1835, April, to 1836, May 6, and 1846, Jan. to Mar.
*Bolton, Conn., 1874, Dec. 6, æt 73

1837 to 1865, see Minutes 1867, p. 21.

THOMAS E. BRASTOW.....a.p. 1864
Ord. 1865, Oct. 11
Dis. 1869, Oct. 19
Pastor, Sherman Mills, 1872

ALBERT N. JONES.....a. p. 1870, July
Ord. 1872, Feb. 8

JEFFERSON.

Organized 1843, *September* 13.

Sup. by Missionaries for short periods.
Not in Minutes since 1866.

JONESBORO.

Organized 1840, *April* 24.

GEORGE BROWN..a.p. 1840, May, 2 mos.

JOHN A. PERRY.....a.p. 1842 to 1845
*Guilford, 1868, Oct. 16, æt 65

GILMAN BACHELLER.....a.p. 1847–1849
*Machiasport, 1875, Sept. 27, æt 80

JOSEPH PEART...a.p. 1856, Nov., to 1858
*Albany, Kansas, 1868, July 11

Not in Minutes since 1872.

KENDUSKEAG.

Organized 1834, *December* 23.

ROBERT PAGE.....Ins. 1835, July 15
Dis. 1844, July 30
*West Farmington, Ohio, 1876, Jan. 12, æt 86

1845 to 1852, see Minutes 1867, p. 21.

SOLOMON BIXBY.....Ord. 1853, June 30
Dis. 1856, April 8
Pastor, Petersham, Mass., 1875

1858 to 1867, Minutes 1867, pp. 21, 22.
Supplied fr. Bangor Seminary, 1868–9.

EDWARD G. SMITH...a.p. 1869, Sept. 12, to 1870, Nov. 1
Pastor, Essex, Mass., 1875

JOHN W. BROWNVILLE.....a.p. 1872, June 6, to Oct.
Pastor, South Bridgton, 1873

AMOS REDLON.....a.p. 1872, Nov. 1, to June, 1874
a.p. Abbott Village, 1874

GEORGE H. JOHNSON.....a.p. 1874, July 1, 2 mos.

JOHN G. EVANS..a.p. 1875. May to Sept.

KENNEBUNK.

Union Evangelical Church.

Organized 1826, *August* 15.

WALTER E. DARLING.....a.p. fr. 1866, Jan. 1. Ins. 1866, March 20

KENNEBUNKPORT. First Ch.

Organized 1730, *November*.

THOMAS PRENTICE...Ord. 1730, Nov. 30
Dis. 1738
*Charlestown, Mass., 1782, June 17, æt 80
Above omitted in Minutes, 1867, p. 22

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JOSEPH S. COGSWELL.....a.p. 1867, July, to October
a.p. West Auburn, 1875

H. S. SHAPLEIGH.....a.p. 1868, Mar. 26, 2 mos.

THOMAS N. LORD.....a.p. 1869, Feb. 1, to 1871, April 1. Res. Limerick.

WILLIAM A. MERRILL..a.p. 1871, Apl. 1, to 1874, March 21
a.p. Sherman Mills, 1876

CHARLES H. GATES....a.p. 1874, Mar. 21

KENNEBUNKPORT. South Ch.

Organized 1838, *January* 10.

EDWARD CHASE.....a.p. 1866, April 8, to 1868. Portland, 1875

JOHN W. SAVAGE....a.p. 1870, April 3, to 1871, Oct. 1
a.p. Canton, Mass., 1874

REUBEN D. OSGOOD....a.p. 1872, Jan. 1, to 1873, Oct. 25
a.p. Limington, 1873, Nov.

CHARLES H. GATES.....a.p. 1874, Feb. 1

KINGFIELD.

Organized 1815, *October* 3.

Re-organized 1821, *June.*

Not in Minutes since 1865.

KITTERY.

Organized 1714, *November* 4.

THOMAS L. ELLIS....a.p. 1863, Nov. 15, to 1868, April
*Paxton, Mass., 1873, Nov. 11, æt 48

SAMUEL S. DRAKE.....s.p. 1868, Sept., to 1872, May 20
a.p. Sullivan, N. H.

GEORGE W. CHRISTIE.a.p. fr. 1872, Nov., Ord. 1873, Dec. 11
Dis. 1876, July 10
Wiscasset, 1876, July

LEBANON.

Organized 1765, *January* 24.

*EZRA THOMPSON...first minister in the town, 1760 to 1762, 6 mos.

ISAAC HASEY.....Ord. 1765, June 26
*Lebanon Center, 1812, Oct. 17, æt 71

Supplied from 1812 by neighboring ministers.

PAUL JEWETT.....a.p. from 1813, May
Ins. 1814, April 13
Dis. 1819, Oct. 7
*Hamilton, Mass., 1840, May 15, æt 60

STEPHEN FARLEY..... ...a.p. 1820–1

—— BARRETT.....a.p. 1822

JAMES WESTON.....a.p. 1823, January
Ins. Ch. 1824, Feb. 10
Ins. Parish, 1825, June 18
Dis. 1836, Oct. 12
*Standish, 1870, Jan. 20, æt 78

JOSEPH LORING.....Ins. 1836, Oct. 12
Dis. 1854, Dec. 11
a.p. North Edgecomb, 1865

ELIAS CHAPMAN.....a.p. 1854, Sept. 24, to 1856, June 22
Pastor, Newmarket, N. H., 1858–62

SAMUEL H. PARTRIDGE..a.p. from 1857, May 10, to 1858, May 10
a.p. Second Church, York, 1859

WILLIAM A. FOBES...a.p. fr. 1858, June
Ins. 1859, Jan. 26
Closed labors 1860, Feb. 10
Dis. 1860, Sept. 10
a.p. Chesterfield, Mass., 1873

JOHN H. GARMAN....Ins. 1860, Sept. 19
Dis. 1865, Sept. 27
a.p. Shutesbury, Mass., 1875

BENJAMIN G. PAGE..Ord. 1865, Sept. 27
Dis. 1869, Nov. 9
a.p. Friendville, Nebraska, 1874

JOHN PARSONS.....Ins. 1869, Nov. 9
Closed labors 1873, Sept.
Dis. 1875, May 31
Res. Kennebunk, 1875

CHARLES N. SINNETT.a.p. fr. 1874, June
Ord. 1875, May 31

LEE.

(*See Carroll, Springfield, and Lee.*)

Organized 1863, *July* 10.

CHARLES H. EMERSON.a.p. 1863, July 10, to 1869, Aug. 6
a.p. Creighton, Nebraska, 1872

LEWISTON. Pine St. Church.

Organized 1854, *August* 8.

URIAH BALKAM.... .....a.p. 1854, Oct.
Ins. 1856, Jan. 30
Dis. 1871, June 22
*Lewiston, 1874, March 4, æt 62

FRANCIS F. FORD ....Ins. 1871, June 22
Dis. 1872, Nov. 25
Madison, Wis., 1876

GEORGE S. DICKERMAN.Ins. 1874, Mar. 12

LIMERICK.

Organized 1795, *July* 5.

PHILIP TITCOMB.....a.p. 1865, May 1, to 1869, July 1
a.p. Plymton, Mass., 1868

THOMAS N. LORD.....a.p. 1870, July 1, to 1874, July. Res. Limerick.

JOTHAM SEWALL.....a.p. 1874, Dec. 1, to 1876, July

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LIMINGTON.

Organized 1789, *October* 11.

ALBION H. JOHNSON..Ord. 1865, Oct. 31
Dis. 1868, Sept. 8
Res. Augusta, 1875

SAMUEL W. PEARSON..a.p. 1869, June 1, to 1872, Oct. 1
Ord. Ev. 1870, Nov. 9
a.p. Lyman, 1873

REUBEN D. OSGOOD....a.p. 1873, Nov. 1
Ins. 1875, Nov. 16

LINCOLN.

Organized 1831, *August* 8.

CHARLES W. JENKINS.....a.p. 1865, July, to 1866
Editor, New York City.

THOMAS E. BABB.....a.p. 1867
Pastor, Oxford, Mass., 1871

E. R. DRAKE.....a.p. 1867, 2 mos. 1868, March 26, 3 mos.

JOHN K. DEERING..1869, Aug. 1, 6 mos.
a.p. Cottonwood Falls, Kansas, 1868

ANDREW J. MCLEOD..a.p. 1870, 5 mos.
Pastor, Waldoboro, 1872

JAMES H. CROSBY.....a.p. 1870, Aug. 7, to 1876. Res. Bangor.

LINNEUS.

(See Hodgdon and Linneus.)

Organized 1845, *September* 25.

LISBON.

Organized 1839, *December* 18.
Occasional supply from 1859.

LITCHFIELD.

Organized 1811, *June* 6.

JOSIAH T. HAWES.....a.p. from 1866, July 2

LOVELL.

Organized 1798, *October* 6.

JOSEPH SMITH....a.p. from 1852, July 11
Ins. 1853, July 6
Closed labors 1868, April 14
a.p. Minot, 1871

CHARLES MORGRIDGE..a.p. 1868, Dec. 27, to 1870, Jan. 1

JESSE P. SPROWL.....a.p. 1870, July 1, 3 mos., 1871, 3 mos.

T. D. CHILDS.....a.p. 1870, 4 mos. 1871, May 20, 6 mos.

BENJAMIN STEARNS.....a.p. 1871
*Lovell, 1872, Sept. 29, æt 78

EDWARD F. ABBOT....a.p. 1872, July 1, 12 mos.
a.p. So. Wardsboro, Vt., 1875

JAMES P. STINCHFIELD.... ..a.p. 1874, June 1, 4 mos.

LUBEC.

Organized 1818, *September* 1.

Not in Minutes since 1871.

LYMAN.

Organized 1801, *December* 2.

WILLIAM A. MERRILL.....a.p. 1864, Dec. 11, to 1870, Dec. 11
a.p. Sherman, 1876

HENRY T. ARNOLD....a.p. 1871, May 27, to 1872, Dec. 1
Ord. Ev. 1871, Sept. 27
a.p. Providence, R. I., 1873

SAMUEL W. PEARSON.....a.p. 1873, March 2, to 1876, March 2
a.p. Andover, 1876

GEORGE F. TEWKSBURY.....a.p. 1876, June 1

MACHIAS. Center St. Church.

Organized 1782, *September* 12.

HENRY F. HARDING.....a.p. from 1855, June 16, to 1871, June
Ord. Ev. 1855, Oct. 17
Res. Hallowell.

THOMAS T. MERRY....a.p. 1872, May 31
Ins. 1872, July 31
Dis. 1874, Dec. 29
Res. Lewiston, 1875

STEPHEN L. BOWLER..a.p. 1874, Nov. 29

MACHIAS, EAST.

Organized 1826, *June* 8.

WALES LEWIS.....Ord. 1826, Sept. 27
Dis. 1831, June 9
*Pittston, 1869, Dec. 26, æt 71

WM. C. WHITE..a.p. 1831, Sept. 1, 4 mos.

CALVIN WHITE..a.p. 1832, Feb. 8, 7 mos.

THOMAS T. STONE.....Ins. 1833, May 15
Dis. 1846, June
Res. Bolton, Mass.

ABRAHAM JACKSON.....a.p. 1847, 1848
*Fall River, Mass., 1874, Apl. 12, æt 83

JOHN C. ADAMS..a.p. 1848, Dec. 15, to 1857
Ord. Ev. 1851, August
a.p. Falmouth 1st, 1859

EDWARD H. BUCK..Ord. Ev. 1858, Sept. 1
a.p. 1858, Sept. 1, to 1859, Sept. 1
*Melrose, Mass., 1861, Jan. 23, æt 30

J. D. POTTER.....a.p. 1859, Nov., 3 mos.

JOHN H. MCMONAGLE.Ord. 1860 Aug. 22,
Dis. May 6, 1861
Pastor, Manayunk, Pa.

HENRY G. STORER..a.p. 1860, 1865, 1866, seven months in all.
Res. Scarboro.

JAMES W. STARK....a.p. 1861. June 15, 2 mos.

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HENRY HASTINGS.....a.p. 1862, Jan. 19
*Townsend, Vt., 1863, Jan. 19, æt 30

EDWARD P. BAKER....a.p. 1863, Feb. 1, to 1865, Oct.
a.p. Chicago Pr. Ch., 1876

*SAMUEL H. MERRILL..a.p. 1865, 1 mo.

EDWARD P. WELLS.....a.p. from 1866, Oct. 20, to 1868

PHILANDER THURSTON.....a.p. 1868, Oct. 10, to 1869, Dec.
Ord. Ev. 1869, January
Pastor, Dorchester, Mass., 1875

CHARLES E. HARWOOD.....a.p. 1869, Dec., 10 mos.
Pastor, Orleans, Mass., 1871

C. E. FORD.....a.p. 1870

HENRY F. HARDING. ...a.p. 1870, Nov., 8 mos. Res. Hallowell, 1874

EDWARD R. OSGOOD...a.p. 1871, Oct. 1, to 1873, March
Ord. Ev. 1871, Oct. 24
a.p. West Brooksville, 1874

REUBEN D. OSGOOD.a.p. 1873, Apl., 1 mo.
a.p. Limington, 1873

GEORGE W. KELLEY.....a.p. from 1873, Aug. 17

MACHIASPORT.

Organized 1831, *January* 25.

GILMAN BACHELLER..Ord. 1831, June 15
Dis. 1849, October
a.p. 1852, June 13, to 1866
*Machias Pt., 1875, Sept. 27, æt 80

HENRY PAGE..a.p. 1867, Mar. 20, 2 mos.

MADISON.

Organized 1826, *April* 25.

THOMAS G. MITCHELL....a.p. from 1851, Nov. 16

MADISON MILLS, EAST.

Organized 1858, *March* 24.

CONVERSE R. DAGGETT..a.p. 1864, May 1

GEORGE W. HATHAWAY.....a.p. 1867, Dec. 1, to 1868, Dec. 1
Res. Skowhegan.

ALEXANDER R. PLUMER.....a.p. 1869
a.p. Mt. Desert, 1875

AARON M. HILLS.....a.p. 1872, May 18, 5 mos.

ROBERT PEACOCK.....a.p. 1875, 4 mos.

MARSHFIELD.

Organized 1871, *September* 14.

EDWARD P. BUTLER...a.p. 1871, July 1, 4 mos.
a.p. Lyme, N. H., 1873

ANDREW HAGEMAN...a.p. 1872, May 25, 5 mos.

WM. J. LEGGETT.....a.p. 1873, July 1, 3 mos.

HENRY H. HUTCHINSON.....a.p. 1873, Dec. 7, to 1874, Dec. 7
Res. Cape Elizabeth, 1875

DAVID T. WILLIAMS..a.p. 1875, June 6, 4 mos.

MECHANIC FALLS.

Organized 1849, *June* 15.

GEORGE W. CAMPBELL..a.p. 1865, Oct., to 1866, April
*Suddenly, Bradford, Mass., 1869, Feb. 2, æt 74

ERNEST F. BORCHERS..a.p. 1866, Sept. 1, to 1868, and 1873, Sept., 3 mos.
a.p. North Yarmouth, 1874

H. WHITCHER.....a.p. 1868

R. J. LANDGRIDGE. .....a.p. 1869

RICHARD C. STANLEY.....a.p. 1871, Nov. 1, 8 mos.
Res. Lewiston.

THOMAS M. DAVIES.....a.p. 1873, June, 4 mos.
a.p. Rockport, 1876

FREDERICK E. EMERICK.....a.p. from 1874, April 1

MERCER.

Organized 1822, *October* 30.

ANDREW J. MCLEOD.....a.p. 1868, Aug. 1, 4 mos.
Pastor, Waldoboro, 1872
Supply fr. Bangor Seminary, 1869, 1870

CHARLES F. DOLE.....a.p. 1870, July 1, 2 mos.
Pastor, Jamaica Plains, Mass., 1876

J. LEWIS MERRILL.....a.p. 1871, May 1, 3 mos.
North Chelmsford, Mass., 1875

BENJAMIN TAPPAN....a.p. 1871, 3 mos.
Pastor, Norridgewock, 1858

J. F. D. SHURTZ.....a.p. 1875, 4 mos.

MILLTOWN.

St. Stephen, N. B.

Organized 1846, *October* 21.

HENRY G. STOREB...a.p. 1849, 1851, 1852
Res. Oak Hill.
Omitted Minutes 1867, p. 40

EDGAR L. FOSTER.....Ord. 1867, Oct. 4
Resigned 1872, Sept. 16
*Milltown, 1872, Nov. 16, æt 34

JONATHAN G. LEAVITT.....a.p. 1873, April 13, to 1874, July 5
Pastor, New Gloucester, 1875

JOHN J. BLAIR.....a.p. fr. 1874, July 12, to 1876, June 12
Ord. Ev. 1874, Oct. 22

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MILO.

Organized 1829, *May* 6.

Not in Minutes since 1864.

MINOT.

Organized 1823, *February* 12.

ELIJAH JONES.....a.p. from 1821, Sept. Ord. 1823, Feb. 12
*Minot, 1869, April 28, æt 79

JOHN K. DEERING.....a.p. 1869, Nov. Cottonwood Falls, Kansas.

JOSEPH SMITH.....a.p. 1871, Oct. 15, to 1876, May Res. Orland.

WEST MINOT.

See Hebron and West Minot.

Organized 1802, *October* 8.

MONMOUTH.

Organized 1858, *May* 17.

ALFRED F. MARSH.....a.p. 1866, 1867 Col. Pastor, Georgetown, Mass., 1876

Supply from Bangor Seminary, 1867

R. C. STANLEY, and others....1868, 1870

DAVID Q. CUSHMAN.....1871, 6 mos. Res. Bath.

R. C. STANLEY, B. TAPPAN, T. D. CHILD 1872

C. W. HILL, R. C. STANLEY, and others 1873, 1874

O. W. ROGERS, R. C. STANLEY, and others.....1874, 1875

MONSON.

Organized 1821, *August* 11.

HENRY S. LORING..a.p. 1862, Dec. 12, to 1868
a.p. Phipsburg, 1874

JOHN A. PERRY.....a.p. 1868, Feb.
*Guilford, 1868, Oct. 16, æt 65

RUFUS W. EMERSON.....a.p. 1868, July, to 1869. Res. Monson.

AMORY H. TYLER..a.p. from 1870, July 1

MONTICELLO.

Organized 1833, *January* 25.

GEORGE BROWN.....a.p. 1833, June 19, 3 mos., 1834, Jan. 12, to 1835, Feb. 28

For 1844 to 1857, see Minutes 1867, p. 27
Not in Minutes since 1867.

MOUNT DESERT.

Organized 1792, *October* 17.

DAVID S. HIBBARD....a.p. 1866, April 1, to 1869, July 1
a.p. Loudon, N. H., 1875

BURKE F. LEAVITT.....a.p. 1869, 1870, 6 mos.
Pastor, Williston Chapel, Portland, 1873

JAMES DINGWELL....a.p. 1869, Nov. 20, 2 mos.
Pastor, Ashland, Mass., 1872

EDWARD R. OSGOOD, and J. C. BODWELL, JR.....a.p. 1870, Aug.

D. L. SMART..... ...a.p. 1871, 4 mos.

ALEXANDER R. PLUMER.....a.p. 1871–2

WM. M. SALTER.....a.p. 1872, May 18, 4 mos.

HENRY M. PERKINS....a.p. 1871, 4 mos. 1872, Aug. 14, 6 mos.
Hanover, Mass., 1876

G. W. BENJAMIN.....a.p. 1873, July 1, 3 mos.

ALEXANDER R. PLUMER.a.p. from 1875, Feb. 1

NAPLES.

Organized 1858, *August* 10.

JAMES P. RICHARDSON.....a.p. 1858, March 1, to 1859
*Gray, 1862, Nov. 15, æt 65

LEONARD W. HARRIS..a.p. 1852, Sept. 1, to 1853, Sept. 1; a.p. 1860, Feb., to 1861
a.p. Colebrook, N. H., 1872

THOMAS L. ELLIS.....a.p. 1861, May 19, to 1862
*Paxton, Mass., 1873, Nov. 12, æt 48

THOMAS T. MERRY.....a.p. 1862, 1864
Ord. Ev. 1864, June 9
Res. Lewiston, 1875

GEORGE F. TEWKSBURY.....a.p. 1865, May 1, to 1867, Oct. 1
a.p. Gorham, N. H., 1868 to 1876

ADDISON BLANCHARD..a.p. 1868, Oct. 1, to 1869, July 1
Pastor, Westbrook 2d Ch., 1872

ALVIN B. JORDAN.....a.p. 1870, June, 4 mos.
Res. Paola, Kansas, 1872

HENRY F. SNOW.....a.p. 1873, May 1, to 1874, Nov. 1
Res. New Hampton, N. H.

HENRY H. OSGOOD....a.p. 1874, Nov. 29
Ord. Ev. 1875, Sept. 3

NEW CASTLE.

First Church—Sheepscot Bridge.

Re-organized 1799, *June* 4.

NATHAN WARD.....a.p. 1760
*Plymouth, N. H., 1804, June 15, æt 83

For 1754–58, and 1776—1866, Minutes 1867, pp. 27, 28.

GILBERT B. RICHARDSON.....a.p. 1866, Aug. 15, to 1871, July 15
a.p. Alstead, N. H., 1874

JOHN HASKELL..a.p. from 1872, May 26

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NEW CASTLE. Second Church.
Damariscotta Congregational Church.
Organized 1844, *May* 22.

JOHN J. BULFINCH.....a.p. 1862, May 4, to 1870, Jan. 4
Pastor, Freeport, 1870-76

WILLIAM A. SPAULDING.....Ord. 1870, Aug. 4. Dis. 1871, Oct. 9
Pastor, Lynn, Mass., 1874

WILLIAM F. OBEAR....a.p. 1872, Jan. 5
Ins. 1872, Oct. 16

NEWFIELD.
Organized 1801, *July* 1.

GEORGE S. KEMP...a.p. fr. 1864, June 26

NEW GLOUCESTER.
Organized 1765, *January* 16.

WELLINGTON R. CROSS. Ord. 1865, Sept. 9
Dis. 1873, July 22
Camden, 1876

HENRY M. PERKINS....a.p. 1874, July 1, to 1875
Hanover, Mass., 1876

JONATHAN G. LEAVITT. Ins. 1875, Dec. 7

NEW PORTLAND.
Organized 1822.
Re-organized 1836.
Not in Minutes since 1859.

NEW PORTLAND, NORTH.
Organized 1869, *May* 27.

JOHN LAWRENCE.....a.p. 1866, Sept. 1, 10 mos.

ALEXANDER R. PLUMER.....a.p. 1867, July 1, to 1869, July 1
a.p. Mt. Desert

GEORGE W. HATHAWAY.....a.p. 1869, 1870, part of time

D. W. HARDY...a.p. 1870, Aug. 1, 3 mos.

G. C. LAMB..... a.p. 1871, July 1, 3 mos.

AARON W. BENSON...a.p. 1872, May 25, 4 mos.

GEORGE W. HATHAWAY.....a.p. 1872, Sept. 29, 11 mos.

LAURISTON REYNOLDS.....a.p. 1874, May 1, 5 mos.

HENRY JONES...a.p. 1875, Apl. 5, 3 mos.

NEW SHARON.
Organized 1801, *February* 11.

HORACE TOOTHAKER..Ins. 1864, Oct. 19
Dis. 1872, Sept. 3
*Albany, Ga., 1875, Mar. 1, æt 43

HERBERT R. HOWES...a.p. 1873, Sept. 1, to 1874
Turner's Falls, Mass., 1875

JOHN W. H. BAKER.....a.p. 1874, Dec. 1

NEW VINEYARD.
Organized 1828, *September* 3.

JOHN LAWRENCE.....a.p. 1867, 1868

WALTER H. AYERS....a.p. 1869, May 8, 3 mos.
Pastor, Lebanon, N. H., 1874

M. C. TRUE.....a.p. 1869, Aug. 1, 2 mos.

D. W. HARDY...a.p. 1870, Aug. 1, 3 mos.
Pastor, Stowe, Vt., 1874

GEO. W. HATHAWAY..a.p. 1870, Nov. 1, 6 mos.
Res. Skowhegan.

GEO. C. LAMB..a.p. 1871, May 20, 5 mos.
a.p. Maywood, Ill., 1874

AARON W. BENSON.. a.p. 1872, May 25, 4 mos.

JOHN K. WYCOFF.....a.p. 1873, 1874, July 1, 3 mos.

GEORGE W. OSGOOD...a.p. 1875, Apl. 1, 4 mos.

NORRIDGEWOCK.
Organized 1797, *September* 22.

BENJAMIN TAPPAN....Ins. 1858, Oct. 27

NORTHFIELD.
Organized 1836, *September* 15.

JOSEPH DANIELSON...a.p. 1864, May 22, to 1864, Sept.
Pastor, Saugerties, N. Y., 1869

GILMAN A. HOYT....a.p. 1868, April 26, 3 mos.
*Hiawatha, Kansas, 1870, June 4, æt 30

EDWARD KINGSBURY.....a.p. 1868, July 26, 3 mos.

JOSEPH E. WALKER...a.p. 1869, Aug. 1, 3 mos.

J. H. MAX-BALER.....a.p. 1870, 3 mos.

ROBERT DOEG..a.p. 1870, June 5, 4 mos.

EDWARD LODEWICK..a.p. 1871, June 1, 4 mos.

ANDREW HAGEMAN...a.p. 1872, June 1, 4 mos.

JOHN H. WYCOFF.....a.p. 1872, 2 mos.

ZENAS CROWELL.....a.p. 1873, June 4, 4 mos.

EDMUND C. SHERBURNE.....a.p. 1874, June 5, 3 mos.

J. W. WALTERS..a.p. 1875, June 1, 3 mos.

W. DENLEY.....a.p. 1876, June, 3 mos.

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NORTH YARMOUTH. Third Ch.
Walnut Hill.
Organized 1806, *October* 1.

THOMAS N. LORD....a.p. 1864, April 24, to 1867, April 1
Kennebunkport 1st Ch., 1869 to 1871

NATHAN F. CARTER....a.p. 1867, July 1, to 1869, March
Pastor, Bellows Falls, Vt., 1874

BENJAMIN P. SNOW...a.p. 1869, April 1, to 1872, April
a.p. Alfred, 1875

ERNEST F. BORCHERS..a.p. 1873, Dec. 10

NORWAY. First Church.
Organized 1804, *October* 6.

NOAH CRESSEY.....Ord. 1809, Sept. 20
Dis. 1819, Dec. 7
*Boston, Mass., 1867, Dec. 15, æt 92

JOSEPH WALKER.....Ord. 1821, Dec. 19
Dis. 1825, Dec. 19
*So. Paris, 1851, April 8, æt 59

1826 to 1866, Minutes 1867, p. 30.

THOMAS T. MERRY....Ord. 1866, Nov. 1
Dis. 1872, April 25
Res. Lewiston

SIMEON PIERCE (Meth.).....a.p. 1871, May, 6 mos.

HOWARD W. POPE....a.p. 1872, May 30, 4 mos. 1873, June, 3 mos.
Black Rock, Conn., 1875

NATHANIEL S. MOORE.....a.p. 1874, June 1, 5 mos.
a.p. Westport, Mass., 1875

CHARLES L. MILLS....a.p. 1875, May 3, 4 months

NORWAY. Second Church.
Organized 1853, *January* 12.

THOMAS T. MERRY....Ord. 1866, Nov. 1
Dis. 1872, April 25
Res. Lewiston, 1875

GEORGE W. KELLEY...a.p. 1872, Dec. 28
a.p. E. Machias, 1873

NATHANIEL S. MOORE.....a.p. 1874, May 3, 12 mos.
a.p. Westport, Mass., 1875

OLD TOWN.
Organized 1834, *September* 24.

H. ALLEN SHOREY....a.p. 1867, July 14
Pastor, Camden, 1869 to 1873

SMITH BAKER, JR.....a.p. 1869, Dec. 1
6 mos.
Pastor First Ch., Lowell, Mass., 1871

SAMUEL H. MERRILL...a.p. 1870, July 1
9 mos.
*Portland, 1873, Sept. 18, æt 68

CHARLES S. NEWHALL.....a.p. 1871, May 28, 4 mos.

WILLIAM H. RAND.....a.p. 1871, Oct. 1, to 1873, March 1
City Miss'y, Manchester, N. H., 1875

RICHARD W. JENKINS.....a.p. 1873, March 9, 3 mos.
Pastor, Winthrop, 1874 to 1876
Occasional supply, 1874.

GEORGE H. JOHNSON...a.p. 1875, April, 3 mos.

FERDINAND V. D. GARRETSON.a.p. 1876, June 17

UPPER STILLWATER. (*Old Town.*)
Organized 1859, *October* 6.

ANDREW DOREMUS....a.p. 1867, Aug. 1, 8 mos.
a.p. Providence, Ill., 1875
Supplied from Bangor Sem'y, 1866-7-8

MITCHELL C. TRUE....a.p. 1870, Jan. 15, 3 mos.

SMITH BAKER, JR.....a.p. 1870, May 1, 10 mos.

GEORGE J. PIERCE....a.p. 1871, June 10, 2 mos.

JONATHAN G. LEAVITT.....a.p. 1871, Sept., to 1872, in part

LEVI L. PAINE.....a.p. 1873, 6 mos.

WELLINGTON R. CROSS.....a.p. 1873, to 1876. Camden, 1876

ORONO.
Organized 1859, *October* 6.

SMITH BAKER, JR..a.p. fr. 1864, Nov. 20
Ins. 1868, Aug. 1
Dis. 1871, June 22
Pastor 1st Ch., Lowell, Mass., 1871

JONATHAN G. LEAVITT.....a.p. 1871, Sept., to 1873, March
a.p. Milltown, 1873 to 1874

LEVI L. PAINE.. .....a.p. 1873, 4 mos.

WELLINGTON R. CROSS.....a.p. 1873, from Aug. 3
Ins. 1873, Oct. 28
Dis. 1876, May 23
Camden, 1876, June

ORLAND.
Organized 1850, *September* 26.

GEORGE N. MARDEN.....a.p. from 1865, Oct. 22, to 1869, Jan.
Pastor, Farmington, 1871 to 1875
Supplied from Bangor Seminary, 1869.

THOMAS E. BRASTOW.....a.p. 1869, Oct. 21, to 1871
Pastor, Sherman Mills, 1872 to 1875

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THOMAS M. DAVIES.....a.p. 1872
a.p. Rockport, 1876

JOEL S. IVES.....a.p. 1873
Pastor, E. Hampton, Ct., 1875

EDWARD R. OSGOOD....a.p. 1874, June
a.p. W. Brooksville, 1874

WILLIAM FORSYTH...supplies Sabbath p. m., 1876

ORRINGTON, EAST.

(Orrington to 1847.)

Organized 1834, *June* 12.

HARRISON ALLEN SHOREY....a.p. from 1864, Sept. 1
Ord. 1865, July 28
Closed labors, 1867, July 7
Dis. 1869, July 27
a.p. Old Town, 1867
Supplied by Bangor Seminary, 1868, 1873–4

WELLINGTON NEWELL.....a.p. 1869, Feb. 21
Pastor, E. Charlemont, Mass., 1873

EDWARD P. EASTMAN.....a.p. 1870, Aug. 1, 3 mos.
a.p. Gray, 1874 to 1875

CLARENDON A. STONE.....a.p. 1871, Nov. 1, 12 mos.
Pastor, Southville, Mass., 1873

BENJAMIN B. MERRILL.....a.p. 1873, July 1, 4 mos.
a.p. Sandy Point, 1874 to 1876

JONATHAN EDWARDS....a.p. from 1875, April
Ord. 1876, June 15

OTISFIELD.

Organized 1797, *November* 28.

PHILO B. WILCOX.....a.p. 1865, Oct. 28, to 1870, Dec.
a.p. Bluehill, 1871 to 1872

CHARLES MORGRIDGE....a.p. 1870, Oct., to 1872

HERBERT A. LORING. .....a.p. 1873, June 4, 4 mos.
Pastor, Foxcroft, 1875

JOSEPH LORING.....a.p. 1874

WARREN F. BICKFORD.....a.p. 1875, May 15, 4 mos.
Pastor, Winthrop, 1876

GEORGE H. DUNLAP....a.p. 1876, June, 4 mos.

OXFORD.

Organized 1826, *May* 31.

J. LORING PRATT.....a.p. 1865, Oct. 8, 6 mos.
a.p. Strong, 1865

ERNEST F. BORCHERS.....a.p. 1867, July 1, 12 mos.
a.p. North Yarmouth, 1873

S. F. GALE.....a.p. 1868, July 1, 3 mos.

THOMAS T. MERRY.....a.p. 1870, 3 mos.

GEORGE A. LOCKWOOD.....a.p. fr. 1870, June 1

PARIS, SOUTH.

Organized 1812, *November* 4.

FRANCIS B. KNOWLTON.....a.p. 1866, Aug. 26, to 1867, Oct.
a.p. Orford, N. H., 1871

JOHN B. WHEELWRIGHT.....Ins. 1867, Dec. 4
Resigned 1876, July 9

PARSONSFIELD.

Organized 1795, *Jan.* 14.
Re-organized 1823, *September* 14.

JOHN H. MORDOUGH (add to 1867, p. 31)
a.p. 1836
*Gorham, 1869, Sept. 5, æt 58

SAMUEL C. STONE.....a.p. 1844, 3 mos.

THOMAS N. LORD.....a.p. 1867 and 1875, 4 mos.
Limerick, 1875

M. KIMBALL.....a.p. 1869

PASSADUMKEAG.

Organized 1845, *March* 1.

EDWARD G. SMITH.....a.p. 1870, 3 mos.
a.p. Essex, Mass., 1875

JOHN J. BLAIR.....a.p. 1871, 3 mos.
a.p. Milltown, 1874 to 1876

JOHN W. BROWNVILLE.....a.p. 1871, July 1, 3 mos.
Pastor, So. Bridgton, 1873

B. F. GRANT.....a.p. 1872–3, June, 2 mos. each
Ord. Ev. New Castle. N. H., 1876

D. L. JONES.....a.p. 1875, 4 mos.
a.p. South Freeport, 1876

PATTEN.

Organized 1841, *March* 1.

ROWLAND B. HOWARD.....a.p. 1859, few months
Editor, New York City, 1876

WILLIAM T. SLEEPER.....a.p. 1860, Nov. 1, to 1869, May 31
City Miss'y, Worcester, Mass., 1875

JONATHAN G. LEAVITT.....Ord. 1869, Sept. 27
Closed labors, 1872, July
Dis. 1872, Sept. 25
Pastor, New Gloucester, 1875

JOHN R. CHALMERS....a.p. 1872, Aug., 5 mos.
a.p. Pavilion Ch., Biddeford, 1875

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WARREN F. BICKFORD.....a.p. 1873, Feb. 1, 5 mos.
Pastor, Winthrop, 1876

THOMAS E. BRASTOW.....a.p. 1874, Aug. 22, to 1876
Res. Rockport, 1876

WILLIAM A. MERRILL...a.p. 1876, Jan.

PEMBROKE.

Organized 1835, *September* 30.

RUFUS K. HARLOW....a.p. 1866, Aug. 1, 3 months
Pastor, Medway, Mass., 1872

JAMES H. CROSBY.....a.p. 1867, Jan. 1, to 1868
a.p. Lincoln, 1870 to 1876

WILLIAM C. WOOD.....a.p. 1868, March
Pastor, Wenham, Mass., 1870

PERRY.

Organized 1822, *October* 7.

WATSON W. TORREY..a.p. 1866, June 1, 6 months
*Groton, Mass., 1869, Oct. 4, æt 27

JOHN S. BANE.....a.p. 1868, June 14, 4 months

ANDREW J. MCLEOD..a.p. 1869, Aug. 1, 3 months
Pastor, Waldoboro, 1872

ARTHUR H. TIBBETTS.....a.p. 1870, Aug. 1, 3 months
a.p. Bluehill, 1872 to 1876

CHARLES L. GUILD.....a.p. 1871–3
a.p. Buckland, Mass., 1873

DANIEL STAVER.....a.p. 1874, June 1, 4 mos.
Missionary, Western Turkey.

D. FEY SMITH..a.p. 1875, May 14, 3 mos.

PHILLIPS.

Organized 1822, *October* 9.
Supplied occasionally.

PHIPSBURG.

(*Previously a part of Georgetown.*)

Organized Pres., 1734; *Cong'l*, 1765, *July* 1.

*JOSEPH BAXTER.....a.p. 1717, 1721

*WILLIAM MCCLANACHAN....a.p. 1734 to 1736, and 1742 to 1744
Ins. Cape Elizabeth, 1736, Nov. 15

*JAMES MORTON.....a.p. 1738, Dec. 26, to 1740

ROBERT RUTHERFORD...a.p. about 1743
*Thomaston, 1756, Oct.

*DANIEL MITCHELL...a.p. 1747, August and September

*ALEXANDER BOYD....a.p. occasionally 1748 to 1752

From 1765 to 1856, see Minutes 1867, page 33.

FRANCIS NORWOOD.....a.p. 1858, June, to 1867, Aug. 1
*Beverly, Mass., 1871, Oct. 6, æt 74

JAMES J. BELL.....a.p. 1867, Sept. 29, to 1872, Feb.
Long Island, N. Y., 1873

DAVID Q. CUSHMAN.....a.p. 1872, July, 4 mos.
Res. Bath, 1868

FRANK L. BRISTOL..a.p. 1873, 1874, June, 2 months each year

HENRY S. LORING.....a.p. 1874, Oct. 4

PITTSTON. First Church.

Organized 1812, *November* 11.

WALES LEWIS.....a.p. 1865, May 27
*Pittston, 1869, Dec. 26, æt 71

F. G. CLARK....a.p. 1867, Aug. 1, 3 mos.
Pastor, Rindge, N. H., 1873

I. A. STANWOOD.....a.p. 1868, 3 mos.

DAVID Q. CUSHMAN....a.p. 1868, July 5, 4 mos., and ½ 1869, 1870; 1871, 8 mos.
Res. Bath, 1868

A. L. PARK.....a.p. ½ 1872, 4 mos.
Pastor, Gardiner, 1864

C. N. RAYMOND.....a.p. 1872, 2 mos.

LUCIUS O. LEE..a.p. 1873, July 1, 3 mos.
Pastor, Owasso, Michigan, 1873

GEORGE CRAWFORD.....a.p. ½ 1874, 12 mos.

GEORGE G. WINSLOW.....a.p. ½ 1875, 12 mos.

PITTSTON. Second Church.

Organized 1849, *November* 22.

JOSHUA S. GAY.....a.p. 1851
Ins. 1852, Jan. 7
Dis. 1854, Jan. 19
a.p. Center Harbor, N. H., 1874

SUMNER CLARK, of Wolfboro, N. H., and others mentioned above as supplying the First Church, ministered also to this church.

In 1858, this church disbanded, the members uniting with First Pittston, and Gardiner churches.

PLYMOUTH.

Organized as a branch of Dixmont Ch., 1834, *December* 14.

United 1861, *September* 10.

(See Dixmont.)

DANIEL SEWALL.....a.p. 1861, Nov. 10, to 1864, May 31
*Augusta, 1866, April 21, æt 57

WILLIAM S. SEWALL.....a.p. ½ 1864, June 19, to 1872, Dec. 22
a.p. St. Albans, 1864

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POLAND.

Organized 1825, *November* 10.

LEONARD W. HARRIS....a.p. 1860, Feb., to 1861
a.p. Scarboro, 1866

PORTLAND. First Church.

Organized 1727, *March* 8.

See Minutes 1867, page 33.

PORTLAND. Second Church.

Organized 1787, *November* 30.
(*Payson Memorial Church.*)

JOHN J. CARRUTHERS..Ins. 1846, Aug. 9

PORTLAND. Third Church.

Organized 1810, *March* 14.
Parish incorporated 1808, *March* 8.

JOTHAM SEWALL.....a.p. 1808, 1809
*Chesterville, 1850, Oct. 3, æt 90

NATHAN S. S. BEMAN. Ord. 1810, Mar. 14
Dis. 1812, August
*Carbondale, Ill., 1871, Aug. 8, æt 86

Ordinances discontinued after dis. of Dr. Beman.

PORTLAND. Chapel Church.

Organized 1812, *March* 18.
Occupying the Third Church edifice.

ELIJAH KELLOGG.....Ins. 1812, Mar. 18
Dis. 1821, Dec. 12
*Portland, 1842, March 9, æt 82

THOMAS J. MURDOCK. Ord. as colleague 1819, Sept. 29
Dis. 1821, March 21
*Canterbury, Conn., 1826, Dec. 25, æt 36

THOMAS M. SMITH....Ord. 1822, July 30
Dis. 1824, Aug. 3
*Portland, 1864, Sept. 6, æt 67

PORTLAND. Third Church.

Organized 1825, *September* 9.

Colony from the Second Ch., purchasing the meeting-house of the Chapel Society.

CHARLES JENKINS.....Ins. 1825, Nov. 9
*Portland, 1831, Dec. 28, æt 45

WILLIAM T. DWIGHT..Ord. 1832, June 6
Dis. 1864, May 1
*Andover, Mass., 1865, Oct. 22, æt 71

J. EVARTS WALTON..a.p. 1864, June 10, to 1866, May 1
Wilton, Conn., 1870

Church edifice destroyed by fire July 4, 1866, and the members attended other churches. On the 4th of January, 1870, one hundred and three members were dismissed, and united with Central Church. In accordance with a previous understanding, the name was changed Dec. 27, 1869, to the Plymouth Congregational Church, of Portland.

PORTLAND. High St. Church.

Organized 1831, *September* 9.

WILLIAM H. FENN....Ins. 1866, July 25

PORTLAND.

Abyssinian, or Fourth Church.
Organized 1835, *August* 7.

JAMES W. C. PENNINGTON....a.p. from 1866, Dec. 2
*Jacksonville, Fla, 1870, Oct. 22, æt 62

SAMUEL HARRISON....a.p. 1870, Aug. 1, to 1872, July 1
a.p. Pittsfield 2d Ch., 1872

Occasional supply, 1873, 1874

W. P. ALWARD.....a.p. 1875, June 1, 3 mos.

PORTLAND. Bethel Church.

Organized 1840, *October* 7.

FRANCIS SOUTHWORTH.....a.p. from 1865, Sept. 1
Ins. 1866, July 11

PORTLAND. State St. Church.

Organized 1852, *March* 17.

GEO. LEON. WALKER..Ord. 1858, Oct. 13
Dis. 1867, Oct. 21
Pastor, Center Ch., New Haven, 1868

EDWARD Y. HINCKS...Ord. 1870, Oct. 18

PORTLAND. Central Church.

Organized 1856, *January* 24.

BENSON M. FRINK....Ins. 1868, April 9
Dis. 1869, Aug. 18
Pastor, Washington St. Ch., Beverly, Mass., 1873

PORTLAND. Plymouth Church.

Organized 1869, *December* 29.
By union of the Central and Third Churches.

MOSELEY H. WILLIAMS. Ins. 1870, Nov. 29
Dis. 1873, Nov. 24
Pastor, Philadelphia, 1874

CHARLES F. DOLE....Ord. 1874, Apl. 22
Resigned 1876, June 6
Pastor, Jamaica Plains, Mass., 1876

PORTLAND. St. Lawrence St. Ch.

Organized 1858, *February* 19.

SAMUEL MORRISON....Ord. 1865, Oct. 25
Resigned 1867, Sept. 6
Dis. 1871, April 19
a.p. Sheboygan Falls, Wis., 1873

RUFUS K. HARLOW. ..a.p. 1868, Oct. 18, to 1869, Nov.
Pastor, Medway, Mass., 1872

ELIJAH KELLOGG....occasional supply to 1871, January
Res. Boston, Mass.

ABIEL H. WRIGHT...a.p. fr. 1871, Jan. 1
Ins. 1871, April 19

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PORTLAND. West Chapel Church.

Organized 1862, *September* 17.

GEO. A. TEWKSBURY..Ord. 1863, Dec. 21
Dis. 1870, March 2
Pastor Ch. of Pilgrimage, Plymouth, Mass., 1870

WILLIAM F. OBEAR..Ord. 1870, Nov. 17
Dis. 1872, Jan. 2
Pastor New Castle 2d Ch., 1872

GEORGE J. PIERCE..a.p. fr. 1872, July 1, to 1873, Sept.
a.p. Wentworth, N. H., 1875

JOHN F. MORGAN.....a.p. 1874, Nov. 8

PORTLAND. Williston Chapel.

Organized 1873, *February* 5.

GEORGE W. ANDREWS....supplied 1867, March 20, 2 mos.
Pastor 1st Ch., Talladega, Ala., 1875

BURKE F. LEAVITT.....a.p. from 1871, Dec. 1
Ord. 1873, May 7
Dis. 1876, May 11
Res. Andover, Mass., 1876

FRANK E. CLARK.....p.e. 1876, June

POWNAL.

Organized 1811, *March* 20.

EDWIN A. BUCK.....a.p. 1852–3
Pastor, Slatersville, R. I., 1859
City Miss'y, Fall River, Mass., 1872

JOSEPH LORING.....Ins. 1855, Feb. 7
Dis. 1859, Jan. 26
a.p. Otisfield, 1874

SAMUEL BOWKER...a.p. 1860, March 25, 3 months
a.p. Salem, N. H., 1873

JOSEPH BOARDMAN...a.p. 1861, Mar. 20, to 1865, Oct. 8
a.p. N. Craftsbury, Vt., 1875

CHARLES L. NICHOLS.....Ins. 1866, June 5
Dis. 1871, Oct. 23
Pastor, Brownville, 1872

ALVIN B. JORDAN.....a.p. 1871

GEORGE A. PERKINS...a.p. 1872, Dec. 8, to 1875, Jan. 1
a.p. Lunenberg, Vt., 1875

PRESQUE ISLE.

Organized 1858, *December* 2.

FRANKLIN D. AUSTIN..a.p. 1867, July 1, to 1871, Aug. 1
a.p. Dunstable, Mass., 1873

DANIEL W. HARDY....a.p. 1871, Oct. 1, to 1873, Oct.
Pastor, Stowe, Vt., 1874

PRINCETON.

Organized 1858, *December* 2.

WALTER E. DARLING...a.p. 1865, June, 3 months
Pastor, Kennebunk, 1866

GILBERT B. RICHARDSON.....a.p. 1865, Sept. 10, 5 mos.
a.p. E. Alstead, N. H., 1874

MARTIN L. WILLISTON.....a.p. 1866, May, 2 mos.
Pastor, Galesburg, Ill., 1872

JOHN E. PIERCE.....a.p. 1866, Aug., 2 mos. 1867, June, 4 mos.
Missionary in Turkey, 1869

SAMUEL BELL....a.p. 1868, June, 4 mos.
Pastor, E. Attleboro, Mass., 1872

GEO. B. BUZELLE.....a.p. 1868, Sept., 8 months
Res. Portland, 1874

JOHN J. BLAIR.....a.p. 1870, Oct. 2, 2 mos., 1871, June, 3 mos., 1872, June, 12 months
a.p. Milltown, 1874

JAMES E. WALKER.....a.p. 1871, Dec., 3 months
Missionary, Foochow, China, 1873

GEORGE HINDLEY.....a.p. 1874, June, 3 months
Pastor, Iowa, 1875

CLARENCE FINSTER.....a.p. 1875, June, 3 months

RAYMOND.

Organized 1813, *December* 28.

Not in Minutes since 1861.

Raymond and Casco organized 1859, *March* 14.
Re-organized under same name, 1864, *Sept.* 22.

Raymond and Casco in Minutes 1862, 1863, and 1864 only.

READFIELD.

Organized 1836.

Not in Minutes since 1841.

RICHMOND.

Organized 1827, *February* 8. *Re-organized* 1843, *August* 31.

WILLIAM C. CURTIS.....a.p. 1868, April 19

ROBBINSTON.

Organized 1811, *November* 24.

WILLIAM C. WOOD....a.p. 1867, Mar. 24, 2 months
Pastor, Wenham, Mass., 1870

GEORGE W. KELLEY.....a.p. 1869, Sept. 1, to 1872
a.p. E. Machias, 1873

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GEORGE JUCHAU.....a.p. 1871, Nov. 26, to 1873, July 1
a.p. Goshen, Mass., 1874

GEORGE H. WILSON...a.p. 1874, June 5, 3 months
Pastor, No. Brookfield, Mass., 1876

JOSEPH ST. JOHN.....a.p. 1875, June 1, 3 months

J. W. WALTERS..a.p. 1876, June, 3 mos.

ROCKLAND.

Organized 1838, *March* 8.

EDWARD F. CUTTER...a.p. 1863, Oct. 23, to 1872, May
Res. Belfast, 1872

JAMES E. HALL.....a.p. 1873, Feb. 1

ROCKPORT.

Organized 1854, *June* 12.

RICHARD WOODHULL..1855, June, 4 mos.
*Bangor, 1873, Nov. 12, æt 72

From 1855 to 1865, see Minutes 1867, page 36.

ANDREW J. SMITH.....Ord. 1866, Nov. 7
Dis. 1868, July 27
Pastor, Waterford, 1873

JOHN E. CHANDLER...a.p. 1871, June 1, 4 mos.

ANDREW J. MCLEOD.....a.p. 1871, Oct., to 1873, May
Pastor, Waldoboro, 1872

M. FORBES.....a.p. 1873, May 24, 2 mos.

JOHN K. FOWLER.....a.p. 1873, July 1, 3 mos.

DAVID F. STEWART...a.p. 1874, May 16, 3 mos.

ALBION H. JOHNSON..a.p. 1874, Aug. 23, to 1875
Res. Augusta, 1876

THOMAS M. DAVIES...a.p. 1875, Nov. 28

RUMFORD.

Organized 1803, *August* 5.

NATHAN W. SHELDON...Ins. colleague Pastor, 1834, July 23
Dis. 1837
*Natick, Mass., 1873, Nov. 26, æt 82

For 1840 to 1858, see Minutes 1867, p. 36

JOHN ELLIOT.....a.p. from 1859, Dec. 1

SACO.

Organized 1762, *October* 13.

JOHN H. WINDSOR....Ins. 1864, Sept. 2
Dis. 1868, May 12
Pastor, Grafton, Mass., 1868

BENSON M. FRINK....Ins. 1870, June 30
Dis. 1873, July 13
Pastor, Beverly, Mass., Washington St. Church, 1873

GEORGE P. BLANCHARD.....a.p. 1874, June 1

SANDY POINT.

(*See Stockton, Second Church.*)

SANFORD.

Organized 1786, *July* 19.

JOHN U. PARSONS.....a.p. 1864, July, to 1865
*Wellesley, Mass., 1874, May 21, æt 58

H. S. SHEPHERD.....a.p. 1867, 2 mos.

PHILANDER THURSTON.....a.p. 1867, August, to October
Pastor, Sudbury, Mass., 1870

D. M. BRECKENRIDGE.....a.p. 1868, March, to May

JAMES RICHARDS.....a.p. 1869, May 1, to October
*Scotland, Europe, 1875, July, æt 69

WILLIAM V. JORDAN..a.p. 1870, Apl. 1, to 1871, June 12
Res. Cambridgeport, Mass., 1875

ELIAS CHAPMAN.....a.p. 1871, Nov. 1, to 1874, March 1
Res. Boston Highlands, Mass., 1875

LOREN F. BERRY.....a.p. 1875, May 20, to Sept. 20

THOMAS N. LORD.....a.p. 1875, Oct. 7

SOUTH SANFORD.

Organized 1847, *November* 9.

Originally, part of the church organized as above in 1786.

L. M. PIERCE, 2 mos., and JOHN S. BANE a.p. 1867, 4 mos.

N. T. BLAKESLEE.....a.p. 1868, 3 mos.

JOHN BRAGDON.....a.p. 1869, 3 mos.

JAMES T. GRAVES.....3 mos.

WILLIAM V. JORDAN...a.p. 1870, Apl. 2, to 1871, April 2
Mass., 1875

ALBERT BUSHNELL...a.p. 1872, May 11, 4 mos.

ALBERT H. THOMPSON.....a.p. 1873, 4 mos.

GEORGE S. OSBORN.....a.p. 1874, May 1

SANGERVILLE.

Organized 1828, *August* 28.

JOHN A. PERRY...a.p. from 1859, July 1
*Guilford, 1868, Oct. 16, æt 65

RUFUS W. EMERSON....a.p. 1868, July, to 1869
Res. Monson

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NATHAN W. SHELDON.....a.p. 1870, March 1, 5 mos.
*Natick, Mass., 1873, Nov. 26, æt 82

CALVIN G. HILL..a.p. 1870, Aug. 1, 10 mos.
Pastor, Hamilton, Mass., 1872

RUFUS W. EMERSON....a.p. 1871, Jan. 1

SCARBORO.

Addition to Minutes 1867, p. 37.

*HUGH CAMPBELL.....a.p. 1720, 1721

*HUGH HENRY...a.p. 1722, June, to 1724

THOMAS LANCASTER..Ord. 1775, Nov. 8
Dis. 1823
*Scarboro, 1831, Jan. 12, æt 89

THOMAS JAMESON.....Ord. colleague with T. LANCASTER, 1825, June 24
Dis. 1840, August 26
Res. Greenland, N. H., 1876

LEONARD W. HARRIS.....a.p. 1866, Sept. 1, to 1868
a.p. Colebrook, N. H., 1873

SAMUEL H. MERRILL...a.p. 1871, July 1
*Portland, 1873, Sept. 18, æt 68

FRANCIS E. MASTEN..a.p. 1874, Jan. 25, to 1874, Oct.

SEARSPORT. First Church.

Organized 1815, *October* 4.

JONATHAN E. ADAMS.a.p. fr. 1864, Aug. 1
Ins. 1866, May 16
Resigned 1876, July 23
Elected Sec. Me. Miss. Soc., 1876

BENJAMIN B. MERRILL.....a.p. 1876, Aug. 27

SEARSPORT. Second Church.

STEPHEN THURSTON.....a.p. to 1867, Oct. 6, 4 mos.

JOSEPH KYTE.....a.p. 1868, June 28, to 1871, Oct. 1
a.p. Buxton, 1875

WOOSTER PARKER and STEPHEN THURSTON...temp. sup. to 1871, Dec.

HERBERT R. HOWES...a.p. 1872, Apl. 7, to 1873, April 1
a.p. Gray, 1876

JONATHAN E. ADAMS..a.p. 1873, May 18, to 1874, Jan. 1

BENJAMIN B. MERRILL.....a.p. 1874, June 11, to 1876, June

SEBEC.

Organized 1833, *October* 15.

Not in Minutes since 1864.

SEDGWICK & BROOKSVILLE.

Organized 1798, *July* 8.

JOSIAH T. CLOSSON...a.p. 1867, April 1, to 1868
a.p. North Deer Isle, 1875

EDWIN S. TINGLEY....a.p. 1869, Aug. 1, 3 mos.
Huntington, Mass., 1875

GEORGE DODSON.....a.p. 1870, June 8, 4 mos.
Taftville, Conn., 1875

F. H. ALLEN...a.p. 1871, June 16, 2 mos.
Hartford, Conn., 1875

DANIEL STAVER..... a.p. 1872, June 15, 5 mos.
Missionary, Western Turkey.

HENRY W. ELDRIDGE.....a.p. 1873, April 25, 5 mos.

SEDGWICK VILLAGE.

Organized 1847, *October* 28.

No regular supply since 1856.

SHAPLEIGH.

Organized in 2d Parish, 1823, *April* 22.

HENRY A. MERRILL.....Ord. 1823, April 23
Dis. 1825, June.
Res. Johnston, Ohio

JEREMIAH BLAKE,
*ELISHA BACON,
*NOAH CRESSEY,
*IVORY KIMBALL,
*JAMES CARRUTHERS and others,
} Supplied occasionally, 1825–8. None, a whole year.

CLEMENT PARKER.....Ins. 1829, Jan. 28
Dis. 1831
*Farmington, N. H., 1867, Feb. 25, æt 87

*CLARK CORNISH.....a.p. 1831–36
Removed to Alfred, then to Plymouth, Mass., where he died.

AMASA LORING.....Ord. 1842, June 15
Dis. 1849, Jan. 11
Res. Foxcroft, 1876

LEVI LORING.....a.p. 1850
*Athens, 1860, Jan. 16, æt 76

NOAH CRESSEY.....a.p. 1859, Oct. 1, to 1860
*Boston, Mass., 1867, Dec. 15, æt 92

Only occasional supply since 1860.

SHELBURNE, N. H.

Organized 1818, *August* 26.

Connected with Maine Conference, 1838

THOMAS T. MERRY.....a.p. 1869, 2 mos.

DEANE R. ATKINS.....a.p. 1871, Aug. 1, 3 mos.

HENRY FARRAR.....a.p. 1872
a.p. Gilead, 1872

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SHERMAN.

Organized 1861, *May* 29.

Washburn Memorial Church, 1867

WILLIAM T. SLEEPER.....a.p. fr. 1863
Ins. 1870, June 26
Closed labors 1872, Jan.
Dis. 1872, Sept. 25
Pastor, Worcester, Mass., 1875

VINCENT MOSES.....1870, 4 mos.

THOMAS E. BRASTOW....a.p. fr. March, 1872
Ins. 1872, Sept. 25
Closed labors, 1875, Dec.
Res. Rockport, 1876

HENRY W. FRENCH.....1872, 4 mos.

WILLIAM A. MERRILL....a.p. 1876, Jan.

SIDNEY.

Organized 1829, *February* 25.

Only occasional supply since 1864.

SKOWHEGAN.

Organized 1841, *December* 6.

FREDERIC E. STURGESS.Ins. 1868, Oct. 1
Resigned 1869, Dec. 11
Res. Gardiner, 1874

WEBSTER WOODBURY..a.p. 1870, Apl. 1

SOLON.

Organized 1842, *January* 25.

HENRY O. THAYER....a.p. 1865, Oct. 1,
to 1867, Sept. 12
a.p. Woolwich, 1867

JOHN K. DEERING.....a.p. 1867, Oct. 27,
to 1868, Sept.
Tongaloo, Miss.

EDWIN P. WILSON....a.p. 1868, Sept. 1,
to Nov. 24
Pastor, Watertown, Mass., 1872

JEREMIAH E. FULLERTON.....a.p. 1868,
Dec. 1, to 1869, July 1
Pastor, Southbridge, Mass., 1873

WILLIAM H. RAND.....a.p. 1869, Oct. 3,
to 1870, Oct.
Manchester, N. H., 1873

EZRA N. SMITH.....‡ 1871, June 18,
to Sept. 10
a.p. from 1872, July 14
Ord. Ev. 1872, June 12

SOLON, SOUTH.

Organized 1806, *September* 30.

CHARLES BEAN.....a.p. 1867, June 2,
to 1868, Feb.

JEREMIAH E. FULLERTON.....a.p. 1868,
Jan. 1, 7 mos.
Pastor, Southbridge, Mass., 1873

ANDREW J. McLEOD..... a.p. 1868,
Aug. 1, 12 mos.
Pastor, Waldoboro, 1872

JAMES T. GRAVES.....a.p. 1869,
March 25, 2 mos.
a.p. Marshall, Ill., 1873

ALEXANDER R. PLUMER... ..a.p. 1869,
May 16, to 1870, April 9
a.p. Mt. Desert, 1875

AARON M. HILLS.....a.p. 1872, May 18,
2 mos.
Pastor, Ravenna, Ohio, 1874

WILLIAM S. SEWALL...a.p. ‡ 1875, Oct.

SOUTH BERWICK.

Organized 1702, *June* 4.

SILVANUS HAYWARD..Ins. 1866, May 10
Dis. 1873, April 8
a.p. Gilsum, N. H., 1875

ALVAN TOBEY.....a.p. 1873, May 1,
to 1874, Jan. 1
*So. Berwick, 1874, Sept. 21, æt 66

GEORGE LEWIS.....Ins. 1874, Jan. 15

SOUTH PARIS.

(*See Paris.*)

SPRINGFIELD.

See Carroll, Springfield, and Lee.

Organized 1846, *March* 14.

ST. ALBANS.

Organized 1830, *June* 29.

WILLIAM S. SEWALL.....a.p. fr. 1864,
June 7

STANDISH (Evangelical).

Organized 1768, *Oct.* *Re-organized* 1834, *Feb.* 5.

SAMUEL HOPKINS.....a.p. 1866, May 6,
to 1872, June
Res. New York, 1875

S. H. ROBINSON.....a.p. 1873, May 21,
3 mos.

JOHN P. TROWBRIDGE.....Ord. 1874,
Sept. 17

STOCKTON (Sandy Point).

Organized 1839, *October* 16.

Entered in Minutes Sandy Point, fr. 1869.

HIRAM HOUSTON.....a.p. 1859, Jan. 30,
to 1867, May 1
a.p. Deer Isle 1st Ch., 1868

JOSEPH KYTE.....a.p. 1868, June 1,
to 1871
a.p. Buxton, 1875

HERBERT R. HOWES..a.p. 1872, April 7,
to 1873, April 7
a.p. Gray, 1876

BENJAMIN B. MERRILL.....a.p. 1874,
May 4, to 1876, June 25

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STOW AND CHATHAM.

Organized 1861, *October* 22.

BENJAMIN STEARNS.....a.p. ½ fr. 1860
*Lovell, 1872, Sept. 29, æt 78

E. H. HEART.....a.p. 1862

EZRA B. PIKE.....a.p. ½ 1863, to 1867, May 1; 2 mos. in 1868, and 1869, May 18, to 1873, May 20
a.p. Boothbay, 1873

FRANCIS P. SMITH.....a.p. 1867, 6 mos.
N. Wolfboro, N. H., 1875

ISRAEL T. OTIS.....a.p. 1868, 3 mos.
Exeter, N. H., 1875

CHARLES E. FITZ.....a.p. 1874, June 5, 4 mos.

J. H. LEAVITT....1874 and fr. 1875, Oct.

GEO. P. BLANCHARD.....1875, 1 mo.

JOHN D. EMERSON..... ..1875, 1 mo.

STRONG.

Organized 1810, *March* 8.

JACOB HARDY.....a.p. 1825, July, to 1826, July
Ins. 1826, July 12
*Strong, 1832, March

WILLIAM MAY.....Ins. 1833, Sept. 3
*Strong, 1842, May 18

JOSEPH FREEMAN.....a.p. 1842, Sept. 25
Ord. 1844, March 10
Dis. 1846, March 3
a.p. 2d Ch., York, 1869

WILLIAM DAVENPORT.a.p. 1849, Aug. 1
Ins. 1853, May 5
Dis. 1859, May 22
*Otisfield, 1865, Jan. 30, æt 62

JONAS BURNHAM....a.p. 1860, April 28, to 1866, April 20, and 1872, April, to 1873, April
Res. Farmington, 1875

J. LORING PRATT.....a.p. 1866, Oct. 20, to 1871, July 1
Ord. Ev. 1867, Nov. 7

GEORGE L. NIMS.....a.p. 1871, Nov. 28, 4 mos.

JOSEPH S. COGSWELL...a.p. 1873, April, to 1875, April
a.p. W. Auburn, 1875

J. LORING PRATT.....a.p. 1875, July 1

SULLIVAN.

Organized 1801, *September* 26.

Not in Minutes since 1837.

SUMNER.

Organized 1802, *September* 9.

ALEXANDER R. PLUMER.....a.p. 1862, Aug. to Oct.
a.p. Mt. Desert, 1875

ABRAM MAXWELL....Ord. 1866, Aug. 30
Dis. 1868, May 5
Red Cloud, Nebraska, 1875

HENRY H. HUTCHINSON.....a.p. 1868, Aug. 1, to 1870, Aug. 1
Ord. Ev. 1869, Aug. 30
a.p. Edgecomb, 1875, Nov.

AMASA LORING.....a.p. 1870, Oct. 15, to 1875, Oct. 16
Res. Foxcroft, 1876

J. W. TARLETON.....a.p. 1876, 4 mos.

SWANVILLE.

Organized 1826, *June* 1.

Corrected from 1867, p. 41.

Sup. by Missionaries for short periods.

ISRAEL HILLS.a.p. ½ 1834, Sept. 8, 7 mos.
*Bolton, Conn., 1874, Dec. 6, æt 73

GEORGE BROWN.....a.p. 1836, Jan. 2
Ins. 1837, Sept. 27
Dis. 1840, April 1
Res. Seekonk, Mass., 1844

TRUMAN A. MERRILL.....a.p. 1861, Aug. 18, to 1863
Pastor, Wayland, Mass., 1873

Not in Minutes since 1862.

SWEDEN.

Organized 1817, *November* 4.

H. S. SHAPLEIGH...a.p. 1867, March 20, 2 mos.

WEBSTER WOODBURY.....a.p. 1867, May 20, 3 mos.

SIDNEY CRAWFORD.....a.p. 1869, March 25, 2 mos.

C. D. BARROWS.....a.p. 1869, Aug. 1, 2 mos.

JOTHAM SEWALL.....a.p. 1870, July, 2 mos.

TRUEMAN S. PERRY....a.p. 1870, Sept., to 1874
Ord. Ev. 1873, June 18
a.p. Cumberland, 1874, July

F. E. SHERMAN.....a.p. 1875, May 15, 3 mos.

TEMPLE.

Organized 1805, *September* 19.

SIMEON HACKETT.....a.p. 1851, June 4, to 1874, Oct.
*Temple, 1876, Feb. 25, æt 80

GEORGE A. GORDON....a.p. 1875, 4 mos., and 1876, June 4, to Sept. 17

THOMASTON.

Organized 1809, *June* 15.

JAVAN K. MASON.....Ins. 1864, Dec. 6

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THORNDIKE.

Organized 1834, *September* 16.

Not in Minutes since 1867.

TOPSFIELD.

Organized 1861, *November* 6.

MARTIN L. WILLISTON.....a.p. 1867, 4 mos.

G. E. PIERCE.....a.p. 1868, 4 mos.

REUBEN D. OSGOOD...a.p. 1869, Aug. 16, to 1872, July 1
a.p. Limington, 1873

P. B. SHIERE.....a.p. 1872, 4 mos.

RICHARD M. BURGESS.....a.p. 1873, July 1, 3 mos.

DAVID L. JONES.....a.p. 1874, June 5, 3 mos.

CHARLES E. FITZ.....a.p. 1875, June 5, 4 mos.

TOPSHAM.

Organized 1789, *June* 26.

DANIEL F. POTTER.....a.p. 1856, Dec. 6 to 1868
Res. Brunswick.

ALPHEUS S. PACKARD.....a.p. 1865

JOHN S. SEWALL..... ..a.p. 1869, 1870, 1872, 1873, 1874
Prof. Bangor Seminary, 1875

JOHN W. H. BAKER...a.p. 1870, July 1, to 1871, Oct. 30
a.p. New Sharon, 1875

SAMUEL HOPKINS.....a.p. 1873, Oct. 1, to 1874. Milton, N. Y., 1875

C. W. HILL.....a.p. 1875, June, 4 mos.

NAHUM W. GROVER.. ...a.p. 1875, Dec.

TREMONT AND MT. DESERT.

Organized 1792, *October* 17.

(See Mt. Desert.)

TURNER.

Organized 1803, *October* 18.

BENJAMIN F. MANWELL.....a.p. 1866, Dec. 2, to 1868, Dec.
*Lawler, Iowa, 1874, Feb. 24, æt 43

FERDINAND W. DICKINSON..Ord. 1868, June 17
Resigned 1870
Dis. 1871, Sept. 20
a.p. Grass Lake, Mich., 1875

ISAIAH RECORD.....a.p. 1871

ALVIN B. JORDAN....Ord. 1871, Sept. 20
Dis. 1872, June 11
Paola, Kansas, 1875

FREDERIC E. EMERICK.....a.p. 1873 to 1874, May

URIAH W. SMALL.....a.p. 1874, May 4, to 1876, May

UNION.

Organized 1803, *March* 3.

FLAVIUS V. NORCROSS.....a.p. from 1860, June 1
Ord. 1860, Oct. 31

UNITY.

Organized 1804, *December*.

Occasional supply from 1864.

UPTON.

Organized 1862, *March* 13.

Occasional supply since 1865.

VASSALBORO.

Organized 1818, *July* 28.

THOMAS ADAMS.....a.p. 1864, May 8, to 1870
Res. Winslow.

JOHN DINSMORE.....a.p. 1870
a.p. Winslow, 1862

VEAZIE.

Organized 1838, *June* 19.

SMITH BAKER, JR.....a.p. from 1859
Ord. 1860, July 26
Dis. 1868, July 31
Pastor, Lowell 1st Ch., Mass.

Supplied by Bangor Seminary, 1867.

WILLIAM F. OBEAR..... ...a.p. 1867, July 1, 1 year
Pastor, New Castle 2d Ch., 1872

WILLIAM FORSYTH....a.p. 1868, Aug. 1, 3 mos.
Pastor, Bucksport, 1870

MITCHELL C. TRUE...a.p. 1870, June 15, 6 mos.

GEORGE J. PIERCE....a.p. 1871, June 10, and 1872, July 1, 4 mos.
a.p. Wentworth, N. H., 1875

JOHN R. CHALMERS...a.p. 1872, June 1, 1 month
a.p. Biddeford, 1875

WALDOBORO.

Organized 1807, *April* 10.

CHARLES PACKARD..a.p. 1867, fr. Aug. 4
Ins. 1868, June 9
Resigned 1870, Nov.
Dis. 1872, Nov. 8
Pastor, Windham, N. H., 1873

ANDREW J. MCLEOD..Ins. 1872, Nov. 8

WALDOBORO, SOUTH. 2d Ch.

Organized 1856, *March* 4.

Occasional supply from 1862.

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WARREN. Second Church.

Organized 1828, *February* 27.

EDWIN S. BEARD....a.p. fr. 1864, Apl. 1
Ord. 1864. Aug. 10
Closed labors 1872, June
Dis. 1873, April 5
Pastor, Brooklyn, Conn., 1873

LEVI G. MARSH.....a.p. 1873, July 15,
4 mos.
Plainwell, Mich., 1876

STEPHEN THURSTON.. ..a.p. 1874, Feb.,
2 mos.

JOHN W. H. BAKER...a.p. 1874, Mar. 22,
2 mos.

RICHARD M. BURGESS.....a.p. 1874,
May 31, 3 mos.

ELIAS CHAPMAN..a.p. 1874, Sept. 5, 1 mo.

E. T. SANFORD..a.p. 1874, Jan. 31, 2 mos.

JOHN E. M. WRIGHT.....a.p. 1874,
April 11, 1 mo.

LEWIS GOODRICH.....a.p. 1875, July 11
Ins. Pastor, 1875, Nov. 3

WASHBURNE.

Organized 1845, *March* 16.

Not in Minutes since 1867.

WASHINGTON.

Organized 1817, *August* 16.

SAMUEL W. PEARSON.....a.p. ‡ 1867,
Aug. 11, to 1869
a.p. Andover, 1876

ARTHUR H. TEBBETTS.....a.p. 1871,
June 10, 4 mos.
a.p. Bluehill, 1872

JOHN C. BEALS...a.p. 1872, May, 4 mos.

S. R. BUTLER....a.p. 1873, July 1, 3 mos.

WILLIAM PEACOCK.....a.p. 1874, June,
4 mos.

JOHN J. BULFINCH....a.p. 1876, June 11

WATERFORD.

Organized 1799, *October* 2.

LINCOLN RIPLEY.....Ord. 1799, Oct. 2
Dis. 1821, Nov. 7
*Waterford, 1858, July 14, æt 97

JOHN A. DOUGLASS...Ord. 1821, Nov. 7

WILLIAM W. DOW.....a.p. 1869, Mar. 1,
to 1871, May
a.p. Douglass, Mass., 1874

ANDREW J. SMITH...a.p. fr. 1872, July 1,
Ins. Colleague Pastor, 1873, Sept. 11

WATERFORD, NORTH.

Organized 1865, *June* 20.

PHILO B. WILCOX.....a.p. 1862, Oct. 18,
1 year
Northboro, Mass.

JOSEPH KYTE.....a.p. 1865, July 23,
to 1868, May 1
a.p. Buxton, 1875

JOHN W. H. BAKER....a.p. 1868, May 1,
to 1870, May 1
a.p. New Sharon, 1875

WELLINGTON NEWELL..a.p. 1870, Nov. 1,
to 1873, June 1
Pastor, Charlemont, Mass., 1873

EDMUND C. SHERBURNE.....a.p. 1875,
May 21

WATERVILLE.

Organized 1828, *August* 21.

CHARLES FREEMAN.....a.p. 1817
*Limerick, 1853, Sept. 19, æt 59

(Above omitted in 1867.)

BENJAMIN A. ROBIE..Ord. 1866, Mar. 22
Dis. 1871, Mar. 18
Pastor, Groton, Mass., 1874

CALVIN G. HILL..a.p. 1871, June, 6 mos.
Pastor, Hamilton, Mass., 1872

JAMES CAMERON.....a.p. 1872, Oct. 6,
to 1874, April
California, 1875

JOHN T. CRUMRINE.....a.p. 1874, May
Ord. 1874, July 28.
Resigned 1875, March
South Braintree, Mass., 1875

CHARLES D. CRANE....a.p. 1875, July 4

WELD.

Organized 1809, *August* 17.

T. J. VALENTINE.....a.p. 1867, 2 mos.
1868, Feb. 1, 2 mos.

C. HAMLIN.....a.p. 1867, July 1, 4 mos.

ABRAM MAXWELL.....a.p. 1868, July 1,
to 1869, Nov.
Red Cloud, Nebraska, 1875

PHILO B. WILCOX.....a.p. 1870, Jan. 1,
3 mos.

WELLINGTON NEWELL.....a.p. 1870,
July 1, 2 mos.

A. BARNUM....a.p. 1871, May 20, 3 mos.

DANIEL D. TAPPAN...a.p. 1871, Nov. 14,
to 1874, June 2
Res. Weld, 1876

ARTHUR G. FITZ.....a.p. 1874, June 4,
4 mos.

HENRY B. HART.....a.p. 1875, May 8,
to 1876, June 22

WELLS. First Church.

Organized 1701, *October* 29.

GILES LEACH.....a.p. 1854, Sept. 1,
to 1867, Oct. 1
Rye, N. H., 1868

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LEWIS GOODRICH.....a.p. 1868, Mar. 7, to 1872, Oct. 20
Pastor, Warren, 1875

WILLIAM H. WOODWELL.....a.p. 1873, April 6, to 1875, April 18
Ord. Ev. 1873, June 12
a.p. Kalamazoo, Mich., 1875

NAHUM W. GROVER.....a.p. 1875, July, 2 mos.

WOODBURY S. KIMBALL..a.p. 1875, Nov.

WELLS. Second Church.

Organized 1831, *August* 23.

SAMUEL BOWKER.....a.p. 1867, Oct. 15, to 1870, July 1
a.p. Salem, N. H., 1873

BENJAMIN SOUTHWORTH.....a.p. 1870, Oct. 1

WESTBROOK. First Church.

Organized 1765, *April* 8.

See Deering, First Church.

WESTBROOK. Second Church. (Saccarappa.)

Organized 1832, *January* 17.

JOSEPH DANIELSON...Ord. 1865, Aug. 9
Dis. 1869, March 23
Pastor, Saugerties, N. Y., 1869

EDWARD P. THWING....a.p. 1869, June, to 1871, June
Prof. Lay College, N. Y., 1875

STEPHEN L. BOWLER..a.p. 1871, Sept. 1, to 1874, Sept.
a.p. Machias, 1875

HENRY B. MEAD.....Ins. 1875, Feb. 10

WESTBROOK. Warren Church.

Organized 1869, *September* 30.

JEREMIAH E. FULLERTON.....a.p. 1870, June, to 1872, Aug.
Pastor, Southbridge, Mass., 1873

ADDISON BLANCHARD.....Ins. 1872, Dec. 10

WHITING.

Organized 1833, *November* 9.

Missionaries to 1851

GILMAN BACHELLER.....a.p. 1851-52
*Machiasport, 1875, Sept. 27, æt 80

WILLIAM D. BROWN.....a.p. 1867, March 24, 5 mos.

EDWARD G. SMITH....a.p. 1867, Aug. 1, 3 mos.

WM. H. RAND...a.p. 1868, Aug. 1, 3 mos.

WILLIAM D. BROWN.....a.p. 1869, March 25, 2 mos.

CHARLES W. PARK ...a.p. 1869, Aug. 1, 2 mos.
Mahratta Mission, Bombay, 1870

GEORGE W. LABAW...a.p. 1871, June 1, 4 mos.

WM. VENSCHOTEN....a.p. 1872, May 25, 3 mos., and 1873, July 1, 3 mos.

CHARLES W. BENTON.....a.p. 1875, May 14, 3 mos.

WHITNEYVILLE.

Organized 1836, *December* 7.

GILMAN BACHELLER.....a.p. 1865, April 30, to 1867
*Machiasport, 1875. Sept. 27, æt 80

HENRY P. PAGE.....a.p. 1867, March 24, 2 mos.

J. MERRIMAN...a.p. 1867, Aug. 1, 3 mos.

GILMAN A. HOYT.....a.p. ½ 1868, 12 w. to July 26
*Hiawatha, Kansas, 1870, June 4, æt 30

EDWARD KINGSBURY.....a.p. 1868, Aug. 1, 3 mos.

JOSEPH E. WALKER.....a.p. 1869, Aug. 5, 3 mos.

ROBERT DOEG..a.p. 1870, June 5, 4 mos.

JACOB W. SCHENCK.....a.p. 1871, July 1, 4 mos.

ANDREW HAGEMAN.....a.p. 1872, June 6, 3 mos.

JOHN A. VAN NESTE.....a.p. 1873, June 1, 3 mos.

HENRY H. HUTCHINSON.....a.p. 1873, Dec. 7, to 1875, May 16

DAVID T. WILLIAMS.....a.p. 1875, June 6, 4 mos.

H. A. FREEMAN.....a.p. 1876, June, 3 mos.

WILLIAMSBURG.

Organized 1830, *September* 29.

JOSEPH UNDERWOOD.....a.p. 1833, Aug. 6, to 1835
*East Hardwick, Vt., 1876, July 27, æt 80

Occasional supply afterward.

Not in Minutes since 1844.

WILTON.

Organized 1818, *February* 19.

JONAS BURNHAM....a.p. 1866, April 22, to 1872, April
Res. Farmington.

*ISAAC ROGERS...supplied occasionally in 1861

WILLIAM H. BEARD.....a.p. 1872, April 14, 3 mos.
a.p. So. Killingly, Conn., 1873

EDWARD P. EASTMAN.....a.p. 1872, Dec. 22, to 1874, Jan.
Ossipee Center, N. H., 1876

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JOHN R. CHALMERS....Ord. 1874, July 7
Dis. 1875, Sept. 14
a.p. Biddeford Pavilion Ch., 1875

URIAH W. SMALL.....a.p. 1876, July 1

WINDHAM.

Organized 1743, *December* 14.

LUTHER WISWALL.. .a.p. 1853, fr. Oct.
Ins. 1854, Sept. 20

WINDSOR.

Organized 1820, *August*.

Not in Minutes since 1872.

Occasional supply from 1861.

WINSLOW.

Organized 1828, *August* 27.

JOHN DINSMORE..a.p. from 1862, June 10

WINTERPORT.

Organized 1820, *September* 17.

ABIEL H. WRIGHT....Ord. 1866, Nov. 1
Dis. 1871, Feb. 7
Pastor, St. Lawrence Street Church, Portland, 1871

G. WILLIS.....a.p. 1872, July 18, 3 mos.

CHARLES B. RAMSDELL. a.p. 1874, 4 mos.

OSGOOD W. ROGERS....a.p. 1875, 4 mos.

GUSTAVUS W. JONES..a.p. 1875, May 14
Ord. Pastor, 1875, Nov. 9

WINTHROP.

Organized 1776, *September* 4.

DANIEL DANA TAPPAN..a.p. from 1837,
June 3, to 1838, July 23
Res. Weld, 1876

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MR. THURSTON at that time laboring for the American Anti-Slavery Society.

EDWARD P. BAKER....a.p. 1865, Nov. 3,
to 1872, July 1
San Francisco, Cal., 1875

ALBION H. JOHNSON.....a.p. 1872,
May 19, 5 mos.
South Braintree, Mass., 1876

WILLIAM N. T. DEANE.
JOHN J. BLAIR.....
HENRY F. HARDING...
and Students from
Bangor Seminary... } supplied 1872-4

RICHARD W. JENKINS. Ord. 1874, Sept. 15
Dis. 1876, April 17

WARREN F. BICKFORD.....Ord. 1876,
June 20

WISCASSET.

Organized 1778, *August* 4.

GEORGE E. STREET.....Ord. 1864, Apl. 6
Dis. 1871, Feb. 28
Pastor, Exeter 2d Ch., N. H., 1871

WILLIAM H. BOLSTER....a.p. from 1871
* Ord. 1872, June 11
Dis. 1876, Feb. 8
a.p. Everett, Mass., 1876

GEORGE W. CHRISTIE. a.p. 1876, July 16

WOOLWICH.

Once part of Georgetown.

Indians called it Nequaseag, or Nequasset.

Organized 1765, *June* 12.

JOSIAH WINSHIP.....Ord. 1765, June 12
*Woolwich, 1824, Sept. 29, æt 86

JONATHAN ADAMS...Ord. as Colleague
1817, Feb. 26
Dis. 1829, Oct. 20
a.p. from 1829, to 1830, Nov.
*New Sharon, 1861, April 9, æt 79

CALVIN WHITE...a.p. 1830, Nov., 6 mos.

JACOB C. GOSS.....a.p. fr. 1832, May
Ins. 1835, Aug. 26
Dis. 1843, Aug. 1
*Concord, N. H., 1860, April 22, æt 66

GEORGE S. VAN CLEEF.....a.p. 1843,
Nov., 5 mos.
*New York, 1863, Nov. 26, æt 46

JOSEPH GARLAND.....a.p. 1844, Sept. 8,
to 1847, Sept. 8
Hampton, N. H., 1862

JOTHAM SEWALL, JR..... ...a.p. 1847,
Dec. 19, to 1851, June 19
Res. Chicago, Ill., 1874

CHARLES B. SMITH....a.p. 1852, March,
to 1854, March
West Medford, Mass.

SAMUEL S. DRAKE.....a.p. 1855, Jan.,
to 1859, Jan.
a.p. Sullivan, N. H., 1873

MARTIN L. RICHARDSON.....a.p. 1859,
from Sept.
Ord. 1860, March 7
Dis. 1863, June 23
Pastor, Sturbridge, Mass., 1871

THOMAS N. LORD.....a.p. 1863, June,
5 mos. Res. Limerick.

CHARLES PACKARD....a.p. 1864, Aug. 1,
to 1867, Aug. 1
Pastor, Windham, N. H., 1873

HENRY O. THAYER.....a.p. fr. 1867,
Sept. 15

YARMOUTH. First Church.

Organized 1730, *November* 18.

GEORGE A. PUTNAM. .....Ord. 1860,
Nov. 14
Dis. 1870, Nov. 9
Pastor, Millbury, Mass.

LEAVITT BARTLETT...a.p. fr. 1871, July
Ord. 1871, Sept. 14
Resigned 1873, Aug. 2
Dis. 1875, March 3
Olathe, Kansas, 1874

JOSEPH TORREY.....Ins. 1875, March 3

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YARMOUTH. Central Church.

Organized 1859, April 27.

JACOB J. ABBOTT.....Ins. 1865, Oct. 19
Dis. 1875, Oct. 14
Res. Dansville, N. Y., 1876

RICHARD W. JENKINS...a.p. 1876, July

YORK. First Church.

Organized 1673, December 3.

JOHN PARSONS.....Ins. 1866, Dec. 26
Dis. 1869, June 10
Res. Kennebunk, 1875

JOSEPH FREEMAN.....a.p. 1869, Aug. 1, few months

BENJAMIN W. POND.a.p. fr. 1870, May 10
Ins. 1870, Sept. 28
Resigned 1873, July
Res. Washington, D. C., 1874

DAVID B. SEWALL.....a.p. 1873, Dec. 3

YORK. Second Church.

(Scotland Parish.)

Organized 1732.

SAMUEL H. PARTRIDGE.....a.p. 1859, May 22, to 1865, Oct.
a.p. Greenfield, N. H., 1869

JOSEPH FREEMAN.....a.p. 1869, Aug. 1

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It is important that churches should keep, what few have done in the past, a full record of the names of those who have ministered to them in the gospel, and the time within which their labors were given.

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1869. Cape Elizabeth, Ligonia, Rolling Mills, March 14; New Portland, North, May 27; Caribou, July 18; Westbrook, Cumberland Mills, Warren Church, Sept. 30; Greenville, Dec. 5; Plymouth Church, Portland, Dec. 29.
1871. Marshfield, Washington Conference, September 14.
1872. Deering, Woodford's Corner, September 4.
1873. Williston Church, Portland, February 5.
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The letter of Rev. Edward F. Cutter, on pp. 134-141, was prepared as his contribution as Chairman first appointed, of the Committee on the Semi-Centennial Anniversary. Had he been here to read proof, he would have you read, in referring to Rev. Asa Cummings, on page 135, instead of "was one with all these brethren," not a whit behind the brethren I have before named.

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The next annual meeting is to be held with the Congregational Church, in Calais, on the fourth Wednesday of June, 1877.

First preacher, Prof. L. L. PAINE, of Bangor; alternate, Rev. WEBSTER WOODBURY, of Skowhegan.

Adjourned.

Attest: STEPHEN THURSTON, *Recording Secretary.*

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THE NURTURE OF CHURCHES.

Acts 15: 41, and 16: 5.—*And he went through Syria and Cilicia confirming the churches. And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in numbers daily.*

The apostle Paul is here shown to us as a cultivator of churches. He often appears in this capacity, both in the book of Acts and in his epistles. We may take him, therefore, for our example of how a true devotion to Christ may express itself in devotion to those spiritual societies which represent him.

My subject is The Nurture of Churches.

I. And first, *what churches need nurture?* Plainly those which are feeble. And which are they? What *is* a feeble church?

We may appraise churches as we do a business house, or a stock company. How much money is invested in it? What is the value of its real estate? Has it wealthy patrons? Is the enterprise popular and attractive, one that "draws?" And are the revenues sure and abundant? If we use this method of measurement it will at once appear which of the churches are feeble. They are those which are pecuniarily poor, which have few members who can say, "I have much goods laid up for many years." The church which has no house of worship, and no means of building one: which cannot afford to buy an organ, or hire a musician to play it; which is unable to support a pastor who has qualified himself for his office by years of study; these are the feeble churches.

But are such always feeble by Christ's standards of measurement? That parent church at Jerusalem, for whose poor saints the apostle Paul begged contributions of the Christians of Macedonia and

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Achaia, was apparently such an one. Was that feeble? And those early churches which sprung up all over the Roman empire, multiplying so wonderfully the followers of the Lord Jesus, were made up chiefly of members who were poor. Were they all feeble? The churches of the Lollards, the Waldenses, and the Covenanters represented little property. The Pilgrims who settled at Plymouth could raise but a rude house of worship, and had no pastor. The Puritans who colonized other parts of New England had small revenues with which to build and sustain their churches. And were these all feeble? Surely the churches which could withstand and outlive the fury of so great persecutions, and steadily defy the power of thrones and hierarchies, and do for the defense of the truth what they did, can hardly be called feeble. Rather, the grand results of their work show them to have been the strongest of churches, and to have had more of the power of God in them than any others.

The estimates by commercial standards are, therefore, proven to be radically false. They are to be wholly rejected, and the less we allow them to influence us, the better it will be, both for the churches and for the truth.

There are marks, however, which truly designate a feeble church. These are often brought out in the New Testament, especially in Paul's epistles.

1. One mark of feebleness is *the lack of Christian knowledge.*

That which gives moral stability and moral power in any field of action, is a firm grasp of truth. And it is a clear discernment of the truth as it is in Jesus which gives strength to a church. Christ must be known to be followed. His words must be understood to be obeyed. His life must be comprehended to be loved. The meaning of his gospel must be seen, in order that it may be illustrated and preached and lived. When, therefore, a church is deficient here, there is cause for alarm. The want of true conceptions and distinct convictions must lead to practical errors and departures from the Christian standards of living, which cannot but culminate disastrously.

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Some of the churches over which Paul watched were feeble in this way. It was so with the church at Corinth, and with those in Galatia, to which he wrote in such terms of mingled severity and anxiety. They had not become thoroughly grounded in Christian knowledge, and therefore strayed very easily into heathen looseness, or Judaistic formalism.

And there are just such feeble churches now. Find a church which makes little of religious instruction: which is averse to positive convictions and sharp definitions and bold enunciations of truth: in which the Scriptures are searched for pleasing sentiments rather than practical lessons, and a glow of the emotions is preferred to moral enlightenment; find a church in which Christ and Christian truth are feebly apprehended, and there you will see a feeble church; an unfruitful, invalid church that cannot watch over its members and strengthen their graces, or exert a saving power upon those without.

2. Another mark of feebleness is *the lack of spirituality.*

A church must have, not only Christ's truth but the personal presence of Christ, for its life, to be natural and vigorous. And if there be not this, it may be said of a church as Christ said of men in a like case, "It is cast forth as a branch and is withered."

If you would see a weak church, look at one whose Lord's day services are for entertainment, more than for worship; whose Lord's table is neglected or approached with cold formality; whose baptismal-font is seldom witness to parental faith; whose prayer-meetings are thin and spiritless, and suspended on cloudy evenings; a church in which there is little family-religion and still less closet-religion. Such a church is very weak.

3. A third mark of feebleness is *inactivity and want of Christian enterprise.*

Wherever there is vigor things must move; and if there be no movement it is proof of little force. If nothing is doing in the way of aggressive effort—nothing but to keep the old wheels creaking on the old axles, in the old, worn grooves, it is a pretty sure sign of low

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vitality. With so much to do in every community, and with a whole world reaching out its needy hands for the bread of life, no healthy Christian brotherhood can sit slothfully down in idleness. An organization which can do this must have its springs of benevolence and of life dried up to their very bottom.

These then are the features on which our attention ought to be fixed, as designating to us with unerring certainty, which of our churches are the feeblest, the most helpless, and the most in need of careful nurture. It is not the outward condition, but the inner spiritual life, or want of life, which chiefly determines the rise and fall, the growth and decay of churches. The test question is; "How stands the church to Christ?" Is he "the chief corner-stone; in whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto a holy temple in the Lord," or is he a mere figure-head? This is our Lord's own test, the test of him "who walketh in the midst of the golden candlesticks; and that message of his to the Laodiceans gives his judgment with reference to a prosperity that is wholly outward, and material. "Thou sayest, I am rich and increased with goods and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked."

II. And now, having seen what churches especially need nurture, we will ask, *what kind of a nurture they need?*

In the first place, it is to be observed that it is *nurture* that they need, the treatment which is given to a living organism that has within itself living forces, capacities for growth and recuperation. One of our Lord's symbols of his kingdom is a grain of mustard-seed, an embryo small and simple, but with capacities for an indefinite and complex development in the tree. What is required, therefore, is to afford the conditions under which that seed, enfolding the divine plant, may germinate, and then spread outward and upward in a healthy growth. The bare grain must be given a good soil, must be watered and stimulated into blade, and the blade nourished into the firm stock with its branches.

And if any disease preys upon it and saps its vigor, it must be

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conquered by appealing to the latent divine forces. These must be awakened, toned up and energized anew. The life must be built up from within; it cannot be superinduced from without.

And further, those features in the life of a church which are the best, cannot be attained to by spasmodic movements. Spiritual upheavals may be a blessing, and such they often are, no doubt; but it is not by these upheavals that the normal life of a church is chiefly developed. A church grows, toughens its fiber, and perfects its symmetrical beauty, by a process which is steady, constant, and noiseless. A man does not become a scholar by a visit or two to the Boston library; or an artist by a day of sight-seeing in the Dresden gallery. No more does a church mature its strength and unfold its divinest traits by a week with an evangelist, or a season of revival meetings. These may be delightful episodes, but the real progress must be perpetual.

And what is the nurture to effect such a progress? It must, of course, be such as to bring in and establish those things, the lack of which renders a church weak.

1. A first essential is to create *an appetite for truth*, a love of divine knowledge.

Food and the ready assimilation of it, are elementary conditions of health. And in this, a church is like every other organism. It requires nourishment, wholesome spiritual food. And of this, there is an abundance in these times. Churches in past ages have sometimes languished from "a famine of the word;" but none need suffer thus now. People are almost independent of pastors, so far as instruction goes. Bibles are in every house; while books, pamphlets, and papers, presenting the best Christian thought of this age, and of all the ages, in the most attractive forms, are multiplied without limit, and may be had almost for the asking. If there are starveling churches, therefore, it is not from a dearth of knowledge. It is due rather to a disrelish for the pursuit of instruction.

And it is of vital importance that this disrelish be corrected. The love of truth must be awakened; the love of the Bible, of good

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books and good preaching. Christians must be trained to think, and to think in the higher spiritual ranges. They must be awakened to prize instruction above amusement; to abhor frivolous reading as poison; and frivolous preaching as sacrilege. They must have their eyes opened to that great underlying principle of the gospel, that it is through the truth that believers are to be sanctified, and that it is the office of the Holy Spirit to "guide them into all truth."

Create a right sentiment on this point to govern the old and young of each household; create an avidity for knowledge of the highest type, and whether the church be large or small, rich or poor, there will be in it one element of divine power.

2. In connection with this, a wise nurture will *stimulate the spirit of consecration.*

The *heart* will be made to beat with a strong, even pulse, a pulse of love and faith. There will be a closer intimacy with God, and greater prayerfulness; there will be a purer fellowship of Christians, and more self-forgetfulness; there will be a higher valuation of souls, and intenser desires to save them.

Lead a church up to this life of devotion and it becomes a strong church. Though it have no more than three members, the power of God is in it, and that power will be felt.

3. And then, this course of nurture will crown its work by *pushing out the forces of the church into all paths of beneficent activity.*

The culmination of power is in the ability to apply power effectively to the accomplishment of ends.

And here we may fitly ask, in what ways a strong church ought to apply its forces. What is the ideal of Christian activity? What is the type of church to represent the kingdom of God best in this age, and in the coming age, upon whose threshold we are standing?

1. *It is not a church of stereotyped modes.*

It is not one which drones along in an ancient, mechanical routine, slavishly clinging to usages that have become vapid and meaningless

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with the flight of time, and overriding the claims of the living in an idolatrous reverence for the relics of the dead. It is not a church without spontaneity.

2. *Nor is it one of delegated functions.* I do not mean by this, of course, that it has no officers and *no* delegated functions. But I mean that the typical church is not one whose *whole* work is given up to one man or to a few. It is not a church the most of whose members undertake to fulfill their Christian obligations by proxy.

There are churches which do but very little except through ministers. They treat the minister as *the* official exponent of Christ's kingdom. That is his *profession*, and having employed him for this, they seem to think that their part is performed. All that now remains for them is to look on and see him work. But no church of this kind is a healthy one, nor can it exert a truly healthy influence. Its activity is not the normal activity of a Christian brotherhood, but the professional work of an individual. And such work easily becomes artificial. Cut off from co-operating sympathies and prayers and efforts, it gravitates to the level of the fine music, fine architecture, and fine garments, which sometimes make the sanctuary seem a play-house, instead of a temple for the worship of God.

It is not of such a church that the New Testament says, "Ye are the light of the world." "Ye are the salt of the earth." "Ye are a chosen generation a royal priesthood a peculiar people," "to offer up spiritual sacrifices," and "show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." The truly *Christian* church is one whose every member has the anointing of the Spirit, and stands in his allotted place, like the sons of Aaron, "a king and a priest unto God," a spiritual power with men, and an intercessor with the Father. This is the church of healthy activities.

And the direction which these activities will take is not uncertain. They will be *saving, remedial.* They will aim at the health of society, the health of the nation, the health of mankind. There will be a quick discernment of every species of human want, and a wise, generous response in efforts to supply them.

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We recognize that all the beneficent movements of our century have their origin in Christ. But do we yet recognize fully that the material organ of Christ's curative power in all its forms of expression is his church?

Glance at what churches have wrought in the past. With all their defects they have been the fountains of learning and progress, the engines of every reform, and the power whose steady lift has raised the nations into the light. They have been this in New England. They are this to-day. We have other institutions of enlightenment, more conspicuous, and they are regarded, no doubt, by many as the great motors of civilization. But seek out the sources whence these institutions are fed and kept alive, and it will be found that strength is ever flowing into them from unnumbered churches, even as rivers are kept flowing by their far-off mountain springs. So it is with our colleges and schools, our boards and benevolent societies, our literature in its wide ranges; so it is even with our corporations and industrial enterprises. The sentiments and principles and habits which make them possible come from the churches, and thence come also the men, the true men who throw into them their lives and give them life.

And so it is to be in the future. The churches are to feed the world, even as the twelve distributed the multiplied loaves to the five thousand hungry mouths in the wilderness.

And a church in the healthy exercise of its forces will do this spontaneously. Human want will be searched out—want in all its phases; and wherever it is found efforts will be made to meet it. Beneficence will not be confined to one line, but its out-reachings will be as various and manifold as were those of Christ. A church with the Master's spirit will count itself the guardian of *all* interests, not the spiritual alone, but the intellectual and corporeal, the political, social, and moral, as well. It will be a kind of universal parent, a factor of the "Jerusalem from above which is the mother of us all." Its house will be like a sunny, cheerful home, whose doors are ever open, an attractive resort of the whole community. It will be the center of "life and light," and its holy love will work out in subtle, delicate expressions which all hearts must feel.

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Nor will a single neighborhood engross its whole attention. But Christian zeal will become so quickened and broadened as to embrace our whole race, till gifts and goods will flow forth together in a constant stream, carrying salvation to the ends of the earth.

It is such churches that are the hope of mankind. It is these which are to give the nations good citizens, true patriots, sound thinkers, profound scholars, wise statesmen, safe leaders, and pure men. It is these which are to bring the divine law into society, and make of the State a commonwealth whose head shall be the "righteous Father."

The life of churches, therefore, is to be guarded with jealous care, and it is to be borne in mind by every lover of human progress that no questions are more vital than those relating to their purity, efficiency, and power.

III. We come now to my third point, and the one which is most practical, *The method of church nurture.*

What was the method in apostolic times? Our text tells us, It was by men; by *a personal influence* exerted directly upon the churches. And it was by a personal influence of a particular kind; not that of a scholar, nor of a genius, not that of an orator or debater or judicious manager; but the influence of a man "full of the Holy Ghost and of faith."

Simon Peter was not a man of intellectual brilliancy, but when he could say, "Thou art the Christ, the son of the living God," he was a man of faith, the type of man which should uphold the church; and our Lord said to him, "Thou art a rock and upon this rock I will build my church: and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

The apostle Paul was another such man, and it was his rock-element of faith and of spiritual power through faith, that qualified him to strengthen the churches of Syria and Cilicia as related in our text. He himself tells us of his manner of work in these words to the Corinthians, "My speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of

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power;" and again, "We speak not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth."

It is common to speak of Paul as great by human standards, and to attribute his influence to this. He was a logician, an intellectual prince, a mighty organizer and leader. But *he* did not attribute his power to any such source. His estimate of what his intellectual traits and his studies at the feet of Gamaliel could accomplish, was much lower than that of his admirers. He referred his efficiency to the grace of God; and his confidence was that he could "do all things through *Christ* who strengthened him."

And who will doubt that such a man could to-day give strength to any church into which he might come? Who will doubt that one with such a spirit could take hold of the most lifeless of our churches and breathe into it a vigor which should cause it to rise and stand upon its feet?

And is there anything else that can do it? Is there any other resource but that old rock-element of a living faith in a living soul, upon which a church can be built up?

"But we have no inspired Pauls," one says. No; but we have that which gave Paul his inspiration, all that made him mighty. We have the grace of God; we have Jesus Christ, "the same yesterday, to-day, and forever;" and we may have the baptism of the Holy Ghost and of power, if we will but receive it. And we have besides, what Paul had not, eighteen centuries of Christian life and progress; we have freedom from violent opposition; we have a Christian civilization; we have a society all about us pervaded with Christian sentiment and principle, and we have a myriad appliances for conveying the truth to men.

If then, a church is lacking in vigor, spirituality, and aggressive power, what is the cause? Each member can find the cause in himself. Yes, each member, for there is not one who is powerless to bring life into that church, if he will. There is not one who may not sit at the feet of Jesus and learn of him to be mighty in word and deed; who may not have the heavens opened to him if he will but look up; who may not carry in among his brethren and impart

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to them the spiritual glow which comes from communion with God, and so stir them to more consecrated lives. There is not one who may not have the faith of the Galilean fisherman; and *faith* is the one condition of strength in Christ's kingdom. It is "not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord;" and it is faith that receives the Spirit. No one, therefore, need look this way and that way for explanations of a spiritual dearth. The true explanation is in himself.

And this is a truth for the very lowliest Christians, even the ignorant and illiterate. It applies to them the same as to the minister, author, or judge. Verily, is not God speaking now by a mighty evangelist in reiteration of that old lesson, that he "hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise?" Mr. Moody had no greater gifts twenty years ago than thousands in our churches have. And does not the gospel authorize us to say that all these may be clothed with a grace and power as great as his, if they will but consecrate themselves like him to God? Give us men of genuine faith, of that "faith which works by love," and whether they be scholars or not, our churches will revive and become strong.

And in such a reviving what would take place? This would take place: our churches would become *less selfish and more benevolent.* Christians would do what Paul told the Ephesian elders to do, "remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Ministers would be less selfish, and they could be; for it would not be asked of them to spend *all* their time and energies in a literary *competition* with the rhetoric and oratory of the world; in a preparation of incessant dainties for minds always surfeited; but they would be encouraged to do the work of an *episkopos*, an administrator of the church, and that of a pastor or shepherd, as well as to teach.

And the *people* would be less selfish. They would become "doers of the word and not hearers only;" givers of all Christian benefits, and not mere receivers. The church would go to men not to beg, but to bestow; to supply every form of need. It would afford the community choice books, able lectures, and well-ordered discussions

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for intellectual needs. It would provide healthful recreations and refined social entertainments for moral needs. And it would sanctify all, with pure Christian influences and efforts to bring men to the Saviour. And by so doing it would make reform-clubs and relief-lodges and literary societies unnecessary; for it would do their work better than they can.

Let our churches have such a character and they will thrive. They will become strong, self-supporting; and more,—able to give help to others.

And now, of how great importance is it that *our* churches, the Congregational churches of Maine should live and grow? Sometimes our State is spoken of as having less influence than some others, and offering less promise as a field of labor. Is it so? Look at a few facts as given by our last census—facts which point to Maine as not unlikely to be the New England of the coming century, i. e. the home of the New England type of character.

1. Our population is to be rural. We have no large cities, and are not likely to have, soon. More than one-fourth of the farming population of New England are here now, and there is every reason to expect that this proportion will constantly increase.[1]

2. Our population is largely of American parentage. In our whole country there is not another northern state in which the native population is proportionately so great.[2]

3. Our population is full of vigor. It is younger than in any other part of New England, and the native masculine element is greater. From many places we hear lamentations upon the lack of

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[1]Population engaged in agriculture in New England, 314,716; in Maine, 82,011.

[2]Native population of Maine, 578,034. Foreign population, 48,881, nearly as 12 to 1. In Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New York, the proportion is about 3 to 1; in Connecticut, 4 to 1; in Vermont, 6 to 1; in New Hampshire, 10 to 1.

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young men, but in this State the male population between the ages of five and eighteen exceeds the female by nearly three thousand.[1]

4. We may expect our population to multiply. During the last eighty years it has more than six-folded. During the last forty years it has nearly doubled.[2] A slight recession has taken place, with the derangement of industries consequent on the war,[3] but this must be temporary; and the increase thereafter must be like that of the past.

Now take these facts, and with them look upon a map of the United States and note Maine's position. Mark her isolation, her extent of territory, her climate and physical geography, her *peculiar* features; is there nothing prophetic here? Has this great region, so singularly placed, no part to play of special significance, in the future of our nation? Does it not look as if God had reserved this as a kind of reservoir for the perpetuation of those Puritan elements which have worked so mightily in our Anglo-Saxon civilization? Maine may not be rich in material resources; but is she not destined to be the nursery and training field of that noblest product of states, men? pure, strong, God-fearing men who can go down into a heated atmosphere and keep cool; who can guide great interests with an even hand and stand by great principles with true hearts?

And how is our State to be guided to the fulfillment of such a mission? How but in that way which the Puritans have always followed? by intelligent, spiritual, active churches.

Ours are the churches of Puritan traditions and polity; and to them God has given a position in numbers, ability, and influence, which makes them the natural leaders of Christ's forces. There rest upon us, therefore, responsibilities which none can call insignificant; and a field of usefulness is given to us which none need wish to have enlarged.

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[1] Native population of Maine between ages of five and eighteen, males, 85,622; females, 82,659.

[2] Population of Maine in 1790, 96,540; in 1830, 399,455; in 1870, 626,915.

[3] Population of Maine in 1860, 628,279.

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My Christian brethren, we meet on an occasion of glad reminiscenses. This double anniversary may well be a time of thanksgivings and joy, for God has blessed us as a nation, and also as a sisterhood of churches.

But this is not a time for mere retrospection. We are moving into a future whose stupendous probabilities are bewildering. What has the next hundred years in store, for our nation? for our world? for the kingdom of God? There is a confused din about us, and we seem to descry through the mists, armies gathering as to an Armageddon. What are the events upon whose verge we are standing, and what is to be our part in them?

This is a time for solemn forecast, for serious purpose, and for a new baptism of the Spirit of God. Our Lord seems to be standing among us, gazing intently, perhaps sadly upon the flickering flames of his golden lamps; and the messages to the seven churches seem repeated again to-day, with the monitory words, "He that hath an ear let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." As true patriots, as true men, and as true Christians we are called, every one, to gird ourselves anew, to believe and pray and toil and pour out our lives for the churches of God, and for the triumph of his kingdom.

The Master says, "Behold I come quickly; hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown."

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ANNUAL MEETING.

The Maine Missionary Society met in High Street Church, Portland, June 28, 1876.

The President in the chair.

The Scriptures were read by the President, Rev. J. O. Fiske, and Rev. Smith Baker, of Lowell, Mass., offered prayer.

The annual sermon was preached by the Rev. George S. Dickerman, of Lewiston. Text, Acts 15: 41, and 16: 5—"And he went through Syria and Cilicia, confirming the churches." "And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily."

The thanks of the Society were expressed by vote, to Rev. George S. Dickerman for his sermon, and a copy requested for publication.

The Report of the Treasurer was read by J. S. Wheelwright, Esq., and was adopted.

Thanks were voted the Treasurer, Joshua Maxwell, Esq., for his valuable and gratuitous services as Treasurer.

The Report of the Trustees was read by the Secretary, Rev. Stephen Thurston.

The acceptance of the Report was moved by Rev. Solomon P. Fay, and seconded by Rev. Smith Baker, and was adopted.

Rev. Smith Baker solicited aid for the church in Abbott, and about $400 were pledged on the spot.

Rev. H. M. Storrs, one of the Secretaries of the A. H. M. S., gave an able and eloquent address on the subject of Home Missions.

Thanks were voted to Mr. Storrs for his address.

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The following officers were elected for the year to come:

PRESIDENT:
REV. JOHN O. FISKE.

VICE-PRESIDENT:
J. S. WHEELWRIGHT, ESQ.

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AUDITORS:

THOMAS R. HAYES, Esq.,
GEO. F. THURSTON, Esq.

The next annual meeting is to be held with the Congregational Church, in Calais, on the fourth Wednesday of June, 1877.

First preacher, Rev. Professor Levi L. Paine, of Bangor; alternate, Rev. Webster Woodbury, of Skowhegan.

Ex-Gov. Dingley, jr., Rev. S. P. Fay, and Rev. H. F. Harding, were chosen a committee to express to the retiring Secretary the thanks of the Society, for his long and faithful services. The committee subsequently reported as follows, which report was adopted:

Resolved, That the Maine Missionary Society hereby express its high appreciation of the services of its retiring Secretary, the Rev. Stephen Thurston, during the twelve years that he has filled that position, and extends to him its most hearty thanks for his fidelity to its duties; for his careful and impartial administration of the various interests entrusted to him; and for the uniform courtesy and kindness which have characterized all his relations with the Missionaries and Board of Trustees. This Society expresses its earnest hope that, for many years to come, he may be permitted to rejoice in the continued prosperity of the cause, to whose advancement his efficient agency has so largely contributed.

Resolved, That the above resolution be communicated to Mr. Thurston, and entered upon the records of the Society.

Adjourned.

Attest: S. THURSTON, *Recording Secretary.*

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SIXTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF

THE MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Since the last annual meeting, several veterans in the missionary work in Maine have closed their earthly labors, and entered upon their award. Among them is the Rev. George E. Adams, the presiding officer of the Society from 1861 to 1870. With what ease, dignity, and urbanity, he filled the office, many present do well remember. Having faithfully performed the duties of an honored pastorate about forty years, in one of our most important churches, and for nine years filled the office of President of Maine Missionary Society, he closed after a few years of acceptable service in another State, a long and honored ministry. The cause of Maine Missions had no warmer friend; this Society no more cordial advocate. Few men in this imperfect world have left behind them a more honored record.

The Rev. Gilman Bacheller, Rev. Joshua Eaton, and Rev. Simeon Hackett, former Missionaries of this Society, have entered into rest. Although not in the employment of the Society the past year, they had spent many years in missionary labors among the destitute of this State. They were good men, sound in the faith, and fearless in the exhibitions of its great truths, and are doubtless reaping a glorious reward.

Besides these men, one young man, J. W. Wilson, entered upon a summer mission last June, under the patronage of this Society, at Medway. But before his mission was half out he fell a victim to disease.

The following general table gives a compact view of the missionary work of the past year.

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TABULAR VIEW.

CHURCHES AND MISSIONARIES.	COMMISSIONS DATE OF	Length.	Appropriations.	Months of Labor.	Congregations.	Conversions.	Addit'ns. Profession.	Addit'ns. Letter.	Membership.	Prayer-meetings.	Sabbath School.	Contribut'ns. Maine Mis. Society.	Contribut'ns. Other Objects.
1—Rev. W. P. ALWARD..... Portland.	July 1, 1875	2½	$ 88	3	35	2	5	1	20	10	22	$27 00	
2—Rev. C. H. BECKWITH.... Eastport.	July 1, 1875	2½	88	2½	90		7	3	90	30	44	106 00	$12 40
3—Rev. E. BEAN..... Fort Fairfield.	Jan. 9, 1876	6	175	6	100			2		30	78		77 09
4—Rev. C. W. BENTON..... Whiting.	July 1, 1875	2½	88	2	95		1		27	18	30	83 00	
5—Rev. L. F. BERRY..... Sanford.	July 1, 1875	2½	88	2½	136				42	31	65	98 00	
6—Rev. J. E. BISSELL..... Steuben.	May 20, 1876	1½	48	1½									
7—Rev. S. R. BONNELL..... Fort Fairfield.	July 1, 1875	2	64	2			3	2					
8—Rev. F. DEBOS..... Dedham.	Oct. 10, 1875	9	175	8	90	29	9	1	52	40	75	5 40	
9—Rev. E. BENSON..... No. Deer Isle.	July 1, 1875	2½	88	3	125				40		62	16 50	
10—Rev. T. E. BRASTOW..... Sherman. Patten. Island Falls.	July 1, 1875	12	300	6					85 56 18				
11—Rev. E. J. BURGESS..... Dexter.	June 1, 1875	4	50	3	54					25	43		
12—Rev. J. R. CHALMERS.... Wilton.	July 1, 1875	12	175	8					89		65		
13—Rev. S. W. CHAPIN.. .... Burlington.	June 8, 1876	½	24	½									
14—Rev. E. B. CHASE..... Bingham.	July 1, 1875	2½	88	2	153				48	20	73	84 00	
15—Rev. E. P. CHITTENDEN.. Albany.	July 1, 1875	2½	88	2½	90	3	3		45	54	70	123 25	
16—Rev. G. W. CHRISTIE..... Kittery.	July 1, 1875	12	200	12	100	1		1	53	25	65	25 00	10 50
17—Rev. Z. CROWELL..... Houlton.	Mar. 11, 1876	8	104	8	100	1	4	2	22	30	100	10 66	
18—Rev. C. DAVISON..... Greenville.	July 1, 1875	12	300	12	110	4	4		42	40	90	46 00	179 09
19—Rev. W. DENLEY..... Northfield.	June 8, 1876	½	24	½									
20—Rev. G. L. DICKINSON.... Dedham.	Aug. 15, 1875	1½	48	1½	40				45		30		
21—Rev. S. P. DUNLAP..... Mt. Desert.	July 1, 1875	2½	88	3	97	4				62	45	80 00	
22—Rev. E. P. EASTMAN..... Gray.	July 1, 1875	12	125	6	100				74	15	54		
23—Rev. J. EDWARDS..... East Orrington.	July 1, 1875	2	64	2	110	45	17		50	50	60	10 00	
24—Rev. J. ELLIOTT..... Rumford.	July 1, 1875	12	200	12	65				24	13	25		
25—Rev. J. G. EVANS..... Kenduskeag.	July 1, 1875	3	50	3					60				
26—Rev. J. P. EVANS..... Ligonia.	April 1, 1876	3	75	3	150	4	4	9	79	70	125	5 00	
27—Rev. C. FINSTER..... Princeton.	July 1, 1875	2½	88	2½	80				46	12	80	105 60	
28—Rev. C. E. FITZ..... Topsfield, &c.	July 1, 1875	2½	88	2½	80				34	10	70	3 50	
29—Rev. H. A. FREEMAN .... Whitneyville. Marshfield.	June 8, 1876	½	24	½									
30—Rev. J. FREEMAN..... York, 2d.	July 1, 1875	12	150	12	67	11	5		45	20	50	14 00	29 65

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31—Rev. F. V. D. GARRETSON	Feb'y, 1876	1½	$ 48	1½	150	60							
Lee and Springfield.													
32—Rev. G. A. GORDON	July 1, 1875	3½	112	2	115	2			42	35	80	$ 8 00	
Temple.													
33—Rev. H. B. HART	July 1, 1875	12	200	12	60	13			52	40	50	8 10	2 00
Weld.													
34—Rev. J. HASKELL	July 1, 1875	12	50	6	60	2		1	40		45		
Alna, ½													
35—Rev. L. S. HASTINGS	July 1, 1875	2½	88	2	90		5		38	41	150	74 00	
Jonesport.													
36—Rev. J. T. HAWES	July 1, 1875	12	200	12	79	25	10	3	65	25	49	18 00	20 00
Litchfield.													
37—Rev. C. W. HILL	May 20, 1876	1½	48	1½									
Monmouth.													
38—Rev. H. H. HUTCHINSON	Nov. 14, 1875	7½	94	7½	80			1	60	16	70		
Edgecomb.													
39—Rev. G. H. JOHNSON	July 1, 1875	2½	88	2½	80				64	20	40	51 00	7 20
Oldtown.													
40—Rev. A. N. JONES	July 1, 1875	12	200	12	163	20			67	35	115	15 00	
Jackson and Brooks.													
41—Rev. D. L. JONES	July 1, 1875	2½	88	2½	60				7		30	12 00	5 00
Passadumkeag.											30		
Medway.	Oct. 5, 1875	8	170	7	45						50		
Olamon.					70						40	19 00	
42—Rev. H. JONES	July 1, 1875	2½	88	2½	75				34				
Industry.													
So. Anson.	July 1, 1875				100				32		50	14 00	
No. New Portland.	July 1, 1875				75				18		50	32 00	
43—Rev. J. J. JONES	July 1, 1875	2½	88	2½	100				21		85	71 50	
Burlington.													
44—Rev. E. S. JORDAN	July 1, 1875	12	150	12	100				42	10	70	30 00	13 00
Brownfield.													
45—Rev. G. S. KEMP	Oct. 1, 1875	9	113	9	80	8	3		53	15	50	23 25	35 00
West Newfield.													
46—Rev. F. T. LEE	July 1, 1875	2½	88	2	125	17				32	65	39 00	13 50
Steuben.													
47—Rev. N. LINDOLN	July 1, 1875	12	100	6	80	2		3	48	20	40	9 00	
Harrison.													
48—Rev. G. A. LOCKWOOD	July 1, 1875	12	150	12	75		1		61	20	100	12 00	15 00
Oxford.													
49—Rev. T. N. LORD	Oct. 1, 1875	9	113	9	100	2			42	15	50	21 00	
Sanford.													
50—Rev. A. LORING	July 1, 1875	12	100	3½	50		1		70	12	50	18 35	28 00
Sumner.													
51—Rev. A. J. MCGOWN	July 1, 1875	2½	88	3½									
Kingman.													
Kingman.	Oct. 5, 1875	8	170	5½	50	1					50		
Freedom.	June 8, 1876	⅔	24										
52—Rev. D. MCGREGOR	July 1, 1875	2½	88	1½	50				18	14	35		
Amherst.													
W. Trenton.	June 8, 1876	⅔	24	⅔									
53—Rev. T. G. MITCHELL	July 1, 1875	12	125	12	75	15		1	68	50	50	50 00	25 00
Madison.													
54—Rev. A. MURCH	July 1, 1875	1½	56	1½	35	1			11	22	25	30 35	
Isle au Haut.													
55—Rev. A. F. NEWTON	July 1, 1875	2½	80	2½	163	21	11		23		58	7 46	
Frankfort.													
56—Rev. F. V. NORCROSS	July 1, 1875	12	200	12	125	4	2		66	54	152	46 00	15 00
Union.													
Washington.					85	25			17	30		31 25	15 00
57—Rev. G. S. OSBORN	Nov. 1, 1875	8	75	8	45		1		30	15	30	5 00	
So. Sanford.													
58—Rev. H. H. OSGOOD	July 1, 1875	12	300	12	170	22	1	6	22	25	60	10 00	20 00
Naples and vicinity.													

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59—Rev. G. W. OSGOOD.....	July 1, 1875	2¾	$ 88	5½	205				14	100		$ 6 61	
New Vineyard and vic'y.	Sept. 19, 1875	3	60										
Lee.	June 8, 1876	¾	24										
60—Rev. R. D. OSGOOD.....	July 1, 1875	12	150	12	123	27	2	4	107	48	110	39 81	$58 82
Limington.													
61—Rev. R. PEACOCK	July 1, 1875	2¾	88	2¼	80				18	8	50	70 05	93 00
East Madison.													
62—Rev. M. PETERS.....	July 1, 1875	2¾	88	2	78					35	55	82 25	10 50
W. Trenton.													
63—Rev. A. R. PLUMER.....	July 1, 1875	12	200	12	200	6	18	3	84	75	150	5 00	25 00
Tremont.													
64—Rev. J. E. POND.....	July 1, 1875	12	250	3	150	5		1	101	25	125	67 00	191 00
Hampden.													
65—Rev. J. L. PRATT.....	July 1, 1875	12	150	12	120	25	17		73	20	80	7 00	33 00
Strong.													
66—Rev. A. REDLON.....	July 1, 1875	12	250	12	65				51	40	50	15 00	
Blanchard.													
Abbot.					100	25	25		25	75	86	20 00	
67—Rev. J. S. RICHARDS.....	July 1, 1875	2¾	88						12		25	88 00	
Bremen.													
Dexter.	Feb. 26, 1876	3¼	75	7	51			1	45				
Dexter	June 8, 1876		24										
68—Rev. O. W. ROGERS.....	July 1, 1875	2¾	88	2¾	75				34	15	48	60 00	
Monmouth.													
69—Rev. W. C. ROGERS	July 1, 1875	2¾	88	1¾	150	6	2		45	75	105	104 00	
Machiasport.													
70—Rev. J. SEWALL.....	July 1, 1875	12	100	12	85	18			86	25	40	15 00	38 00
Limerick.													
71—Rev. W. S. SEWALL.....	July 1, 1875	12	200	12	80	2			18	30	75	16 39	5 90
St Albans.													
Athens.					100	1			41	25	100	8 10	5 00
So. Solon.													
72—Rev. E. C. SHERBURNE...	July 1, 1875	12	100	12	70	5		3	71	15	40	5 50	5 00
No. Waterford.													
73—Rev. F. E. SHERMAN.....	July 1, 1875	2¾	88	1¾	47				30		27	61 00	
Sweden.													
74—Rev. J. F. D. SHURTS....	June 8, 1876	¾	24	¾									
Mercer.													
Farmington Falls.													
75—Rev. U. W. SMALL.....	July 1, 1875	12	100	9½	110				100	70	90	26 37	
Turner.													
76—Rev. E. N. SMITH.....	July 1, 1875	12	300	12	80	2	1	2	20	15	50	12 00	15 00
Solon.													
77—Rev. J. P. STINCHFIELD..	June 1, 1875	12	100	12	125	2	2	9	131	40	75		10 00
Lovell.													
78—Rev. J ST. JOHN.....	July 1, 1875	2¾	88	2¾	100	10			80	30		65 00	15 00
Robbinston.													
Red Beach.													
Dedham.	June 8, 1876	3½	24										
79—Rev. H. O. THAYER.....	July 1, 1875	12	100	12	140	3			84	20	123		27 50
Woolwich.													
80—Rev. P. B. THAYER.....	July 1, 1875	12	150	12	120	4	1	2	92	20	80		
Garland.													
81—Rev. L. J. THOMAS.....	June 8, 1876	¾	24	¾									
Frankfort.													
82—Rev. W. S. THOMPSON....	July 1, 1875	12	150	12	80	24	9	1	59	20	74	31 00	73 88
Acton.													
83—Rev. G. S. THRALL.....	July 1, 1875	2¾	88	2¾	300	2			58	50	45	187 00	
Biddeford, 1st.													
84—Rev. J. P. TROWBRIDGE..	July 1, 1875	12	150	12	60	1	2	1	38	10	45	15 49	50 00
Standish.													
85—Rev. A. H. TYLER.....	July 1, 1875	12	212	12	140	20	3	6	110	60	100	40 00	
Monson.													

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86—Rev. G. F. TEWKSBURY.. Gorham, N. H.	July 1, 1875	12	$ 50	12	65	1	1		32	8	50	$ 3 50	$23 00
87—Rev. S. L. VINCENT..... Amherst.	June 8, 1876	½	24	½									
88—Rev. F. R. WAITE..... Denmark.	July 1, 1875	2½	88	2	76				43		25	60 00	
89—Rev. S. W. WALTERS..... Northfield.	July 1, 1875	2½	88		80		.		22	20	40	80 00	3 00
Bobbinston. Red Beach.	June 8, 1876	½	24	½									
90—Rev. R. WICKETT..... Medway.	June 8, 1876	½	24	½									
91—Rev. D. T. WILLIAMS.... Whitneyville.	July 1, 1875	2½	88	2½	150				56	30	100	120 00	
Marshfield.					90				54	20	75		
Essex st., Bangor.	June 8, 1876	½	24	½									
92—Rev. J. W. WILSON..... Medway.	July 1, 1875	2½	88	1									
93—Rev. L. WISWALL..... Windham.	July 1, 1875	12	50	12			5		48		50		
94—Rev. R. WRIGHT..... Biddeford.	May 20, 1876	1½	48	1									
Rev. E. BEAN..... Caribou.	Jan. 9, 1876				120	1	1		27	30	80	2 00	
Presque Isle.					40	1	3		21				
95—Rev. W. A. MERRILL..... Sherman.	Jan. 1, 1876	6											
Patten. Island Falls.	Mr. Merrill succeeded Mr. Brastow.												

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A BRIEF NOTICE OF MISSION FIELDS.

2. Mr. Beckwith had a happy mission at EASTPORT, and gathered into the church ten members, seven by profession. The church would have been glad to have Mr. Beckwith return this summer and labor at least a year; but he decided to add another year to his course of study; and the church declining a summer mission, are looking for a man who will labor with them for a longer period.

3. The Rev. E. Bean went to FORT FAIRFIELD in the dead of winter, and commenced his labors with that church. He gives a portion of his time to Caribou and Presque Isle. He has been well received, and

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should he continue in that needy field, may hope to reap an abundant harvest. The church at Fort Fairfield may be regarded as having very hopeful prospects. The railroad having reached the place has given a new impulse to its business, and is adding to its population, and has already increased the auditory and the strength of the Congregational church.

4. The church in DEDHAM became much reduced and weakened by emigration and deaths, so that a few years since their pastor, Rev. Mr. Wells, left for another field in the Lord's vineyard. Since then a supply of the pulpit has been procured a part of the time from the Seminary at Bangor, and a part of the time it has been vacant. The Secretary spent a Sabbath there last June, and the place seemed like the valley of death.

Mr. DeBos, of the Seminary, commenced a mission there in October, and the Holy Spirit very soon descended upon the people. A powerful revival ensued. Twenty-nine hopeful conversions are reported. Ten have already united with the church, and others are expected soon to join. Still the church is weak, the business of the place and the ability of the people to support christian ordinances have so much declined that they must lean largely on the arm of charity for such public means of grace as they may hereafter enjoy.

9. Mr. Benson performed a very acceptable mission at NORTH DEER ISLE last summer, and since he left, under the ministry of Mr. Closson the church has shared somewhat in the glorious revival which has very largely been vouchsafed to the First Church on the Island. They are struggling hard to sustain preaching, but need help.

10. Rev. T. E. Brastow was commissioned to labor with the three churches of PATTEN, SHERMAN, and ISLAND FALLS. At the commencement of the present year, he was called away by the death of his father-in-law, Dea. William Carleton, of Rockport. His wife being the only surviving child of the deacon, Mr. B. felt it was his duty to suspend his ministry, for a season at least, that he might care for the estate of the family. Nor has he yet seen his way clear to resume his missionary labors.

In the meantime, the Rev. W. A. Merrill supplied the vacancy made by Mr. Brastow's removal, and has continued to labor there till this

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time. These three churches deeply feel the want of more labor than one man can render. It may be a question whether they can reasonably hope to grow to manly strength, unless more labor is bestowed upon them. Mr. Merrill has a call to settle in Sherman.

12. The Rev. J. R. Chalmers was commissioned for a years service in WILTON, but in a little less than three months, he accepted a call to the Pavilion Church in Biddeford,* and has since labored in that place.

The church in Wilton has been largely supplied from Bangor, and it may be hoped a pastor will soon be placed over them.

14. Mr. E. B. Chase found the house of worship in BINGHAM just repaired and put into an inviting state, and a people ready to hear the gospel. He reports rising one hundred and fifty as his average congregation, and thinks with such encouragement as the Maine Missionary Society may afford, they may settle a pastor, and enjoy the stated administration of christian ordinances.

A recent movement has been made in this direction, and an application is to come before the trustees for such help as will enable them to sustain the preaching of the gospel. Bingham is a delightful locality on the upper Kennebec, abounding in the beauties of nature, having an intelligent population, a church of almost half an hundred, and presents a field of great attraction to some devoted young man to cast in his lot among that people, there to live and labor with the confident hope of winning souls, and building high the walls of Zion.

15. The little church among the hills of ALBANY had a mission of eighteen weeks, by Mr. E. P. Chittenden, who says, "I found a people who love the gospel, and who encouraged me by their co-operation and support." Three conversions, and three additions to the church by profession. Repeated efforts have been made to have this church unite with the church in North Waterford, in the support of one minister, who should have the care of them both.

16. While Mr. Christie's labors have been greatly blessed in the revival and enlargement of the ancient church in KITTERY, it still has not strength sufficient to move forward without charitable aid. Their pastor seriously meditates leaving them for a more inviting field,† with the prospect of wider usefulness.

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*Since dismissed.

† He has removed to Wiscasset.

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17. Your Secretary spent two Sabbaths with the church in HOULTON last autumn, administered the Lord's Supper, and received six members to the church. A strong desire for constant preaching was manifested. A flourishing Sabbath School has been sustained, and a weekly prayer-meeting.

Later in the autumn, the Rev. F. V. D. Garretson spent a few weeks in evangelical labors in Houlton. Some souls were awakened. While a correspondence was in progress with a minister in the western part of the State, about visiting the place with a view of laboring there, should the indications of Providence seem to favor it, a young man unexpectedly visited the place, whose preaching so much interested the people that they invited him to remain, and he has labored with them since early in March. They now request him to labor with them the next year, and ask aid in his support. Ten additions are expected this month.

18. Mr. Davison continues to hold a good congregation at GREENVILLE, and has had some special encouragement, reporting four hopeful conversions, and four additions to the church by profession. As this town, situated at the foot of the principal lake in Maine, is a place of much resort in winter by business men, and in summer by travelers and pleasure hunters, it has an importance beyond what its population would indicate, rendering it a matter of much moment that the gospel be faithfully preached there.

21. Mr. Dunlap labored last summer in the village of SOMESVILLE. He was well received, as is evident from the fact that they came much nearer to defraying the expense of the mission than they have been wont to do. A few scattering members of the Mt. Desert Church reside in this neighborhood. If a separate church should be organized here, some six or seven others would come into it. The time may not be distant when such an organization may become expedient.

For several past months the Rev. Mr. Plumer, who labors in Tremont, has preached part of the time in this village.

22. The Rev. E. P. Eastman was commissioned for one year in GRAY, but at the close of half a year he left, and took charge of a church in New Hampshire. Since then the church has been supplied

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by a variety of preachers. It is hoped a settlement may soon be effected.

23. Mr. J. Edwards, of the senior class at Bangor, was commissioned last July to labor two months in EAST ORRINGTON. The people since then have waked to new activity, and have secured Mr. Edward's services a large part of the year. The spirit of God has wrought with him, and the result is a large number have been gathered into the kingdom, seventeen of whom have united with the church. Arrangements have been made to employ Mr. Edwards another year, provided the aid asked of the Maine Missionary Society can be obtained; a contingency which we trust will not fail them.

26. The great depression in the business of the Rolling Mills in LIGONIA has so reduced the ability of that heroic little church, that they have been compelled to ask aid of Maine Missionary Society, or else lose their minister. If there is a church in the State worthy of the sympathy and aid of sister churches, it is this little band of self-denying and laborious children of the Highest, who have shown such unusual zeal and enterprise in sustaining the ordinances of religion. Help has therefore been granted them the last quarter of the year.

30. This little church, the Second in YORK, though so weakened by the deaths and removals of its members, as to feel compelled to ask for the coming year larger assistance than heretofore, has still enjoyed the refreshing influences of the Holy Spirit. Eleven hopeful conversions are reported. Five have joined the church. So long as God continues to bless such little churches in the winning and salvation of precious souls, the Trustees do not feel warranted in withholding aid.

31. The Rev. F. V. D. Garretson has had a mission of six weeks at LEE. He found the moral and religious condition of the place sad indeed. The little church all but extinct,—infidelity and irreligion rampant. But in some four weeks a wide-spread awakening occurred; some who had been far from righteousness professed to give their hearts to God. Then Mr. Garretson passed to SPRINGFIELD, and labored with similar results. He reports some sixty hopeful conversions in both places. A young man from the Seminary has a mission in those two towns for the summer.

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33. The church in WELD shared in the work of grace, which blessed largely the place. Our missionary thinks thirteen of the converts belong to his charge. Still larger numbers connect themselves with other churches.

36. The Rev. J. T. Hawes, the oldest missionary in the employment of the Society, has been largely blessed in his labors. The Holy Spirit accompanied the word spoken by this aged servant, and souls were awakened and won over to the love and service of the Son of God. Some twenty-five or thirty were brought into the kingdom. Thirteen have been added to the church in LITCHFIELD. Fruit in old age!

40. The church in JACKSON and BROOKS has enjoyed a refreshing from the presence of the Lord. Twenty conversions are reported. God has given large encouragement to their pastor since his settlement with that people.

45. The Rev. Mr. Kemp, after several years of patient toil, has been permitted to gather more fruit than in previous years. Eight hopeful conversions, and three additions to the church, have cheered and encouraged his hand.

46. Mr. F. J. Lee spent the last summer in missionary labors in STEUBEN. There is no church here, but students from Yale have spent several summers there in preaching the everlasting gospel. Each of them has had some awakening among the people. Last summer Mr. Lee reported seventeen conversions. Another missionary is now on the ground, and it is hoped a church may soon arise there.

47. Mr. Lincoln reports two conversions and three additions to the church in HARRISON.

48. A peculiarity of the condition of things in OXFORD is that their Sabbath School is thirty-three per cent larger than their Sabbath congregation.

49 and 57. The two churches in SANFORD are both weak, and while continuing apart will both need charitable aid. United in sustaining one man, they could give him a comfortable support. Their houses of worship are only about two miles apart. It would be decidedly con-

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venient for one man to supply both churches. Neither the extent of territory, nor the amount of population, can furnish any valid excuse for any man's refusing to minister to both; nor for the people to insist on remaining apart, and employing two ministers, when one could serve them well. It may well be questioned whether the Trustees can be justified in appropriating money in the future to aid these churches, till they shall overcome all those divisive influences which have hitherto kept them separate.

The Rev. Mr. Lord, who has been laboring at Sanford, says in his report, "One minister should do the work for this and the South Church. Neither wishes for more than one sermon on the Sabbath, and it is wrong to aid two ministers when one can do the work.... Nothing but foolish and wicked prejudices hinder the change the interests of religion demand."

51. The Maine Missionary Society has furnished KINGMAN, a tannery village on the Mattawamkeag river, some nine and a quarter months preaching the past year, the people paying only the traveling expenses of the missionary. More than five months of this supply was from the Seminary in team time, when the road must be passed over twice a week. Very little success seems to have attended our efforts in this place,—efforts running through several years. A few who represent the capital of the place decided last fall that they wanted an improved gospel, and hence liberal preaching, so called, has been to some extent sustained. The poor who need to be fed with the bread of life are now left to pabulum, on which souls are not wont to flourish.

53. The religious community in MADISON have been blessed with the refreshing influences of the Holy Spirit. "Forty or more," says our missionary, "have declared themselves converts. A part of them belong to our congregation," perhaps fifteen.

55. Mr. A. F. Newton, a young man from Andover, had a mission of ten weeks in FRANKFORT last summer. His labors were the means of awakening an unwonted interest in spiritual and eternal things. Unusual numbers were drawn to the house of God, to hear words whereby they might be saved. Sinners were awakened, and at the close of his mission eight were received to the church, all but one by profession.

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After the missionary left, the good ladies, several of whom had just come into the church, felt that they must have the gospel preached to them. They entered into an agreement each to supply the pulpit one Sabbath, to entertain the preacher, and pay him. Young men from Bangor were procured to preach at moderate charges, and thus the public means of grace have been continued till the opening summer. Prayer-meetings, in which the ladies have of necessity borne a prominent part, have been sustained, and the gracious visits of the Spirit have been continued through the year. More than twenty have obtained hope in pardoning mercy, and eleven have united with the church.

56. The Rev. Mr. Norcross represents the condition of the church in UNION as pleasant and prosperous. Six additions to the church, a congregation of one hundred and twenty-five, and Sabbath School of one hundred and fifty-two, larger than the congregation by more than a quarter of an hundred, forty-six dollars paid to Maine Missionary Society; these surely are evidence of uncommon prosperity.

Mr. Norcross has also extended his labors in no small measure to WASHINGTON, where the Spirit of God has been poured out, and some twenty persons have embraced hope.

Calvin Starrett, an aged deacon of this church, has died the past year, and left by will his property to several benevolent societies, a portion of which is to help forward the cause of missions in Maine.

58. Mr. Osgood was commissioned to labor in NAPLES, but has extended his labors somewhat to Casco and Edes Falls. He reports twenty-two conversions in Naples, and seven additions to the church. Mr. Osgood entered the ministry rather late in life, but seems well adapted to the work, and has great delight in it. God has greatly blessed his beginnings.

60. The blessing of God still crowns the labors of our missionary at LIMINGTON. Twenty-seven conversions, six added to the church, whose whole number is one hundred and seven, and a Sabbath School of one hundred and ten; these surely are indications of thrift, giving promise, we may hope, of self-support at no distant day.

63. There have been some seasons three Congregational ministers on the Island of MT. DESERT. Now Rev. A. R. Plumer is the only

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man we have in that extended territory. He has divided his labors between Bass Harbor, S. W. Harbor, and since December, Somesville. Nor has he labored in vain. He reports six conversions, and twenty-one additions to the church. In his three appointments he preaches to two hundred people, has seventy-five in his prayer-meetings, and one hundred and fifty in Sabbath Schools. His ministry is decidedly useful.

64. The church in HAMPDEN has taken itself off of the hands of Maine Missionary Society.

The late Deacon Crosby, of blessed memory, bequeathed his property to the church, in which he had long been a pillar, which was to come into their possession on the death of his wife. Mrs. Crosby has died the past year, and since the close of the first quarter of the year, no drafts have been made on our treasury in aid of this church.

The report from this church indicates a vigorous life. A few conversions in connection with a vigorous movement in the cause of temperance, a Sabbath School of one hundred and twenty-five, charitable donations averaging nearly four dollars to each resident member, are tokens of an active life.

65. With the church in STRONG, the past year has been one of unusual prosperity. Twenty-five conversions are reported, seventeen added to the church on profession of their faith, others expected soon to join. Our missionary, Rev. J. L. Pratt, regards the condition of the church better than he has known it, and the past year the pleasantest he has ever had since he began to preach.

66. The Rev. Amos Redlon was commissioned to labor in ABBOT and BLANCHARD. In the latter place no marked changes have occurred. But in Abbot, most decided and gratifying progress has been made. When our missionary commenced his labors in Abbot Village, there was not a church in the place. So much interest attended his labors that he gathered last November a church of twelve members. The Holy Spirit has attended the abundant labors of their minister, and he reports twenty-five conversions, thirteen of whom have already united with the church, making its present number twenty-five. A large proportion of them are men in the prime of life.

A house of worship has been projected, which is already raised and boarded; the work on which is vigorously prosecuted. But in com-

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pleting it this young church and society will need considerable aid from the older and stronger churches. This has been an unusually prosperous beginning of a new enterprise, well meriting the sympathy and aid of sister churches. The Holy Spirit is still moving upon that community.*

70. LIMERICK has presented scenes of abounding grace in connection with the labors of the delegates of the Young Men's Christian Association. Some seventy persons embraced the christian hope, many of them at school, probably the academy, in that place. Our missionary reports eighteen as pertaining to his charge, which it is hoped will come into the Congregational church.

71. The Rev. W. S. Sewall has continued his labors in ST. ALBANS and ATHENS, and given a few Sabbaths to So. SOLON. St. Albans and Athens have both been blessed with revivals, but the subjects are mostly inclined to other denominations. Mr. Sewall says not more than two of the converts in St. Albans, and one in Athens, can be reckoned as Congregationalists. The query is suggested, Is it wise to continue this mission while other churches take so good care of the people?

75. Last year Mr. Small had a prosperous mission in TURNER. His reports for three-fourths of the present year showed a vigorous prosecution of the appropriate work of a missionary, more than ordinary attention being given to neighborhoods remote from the center. This hopeful condition of affairs was disturbed by an unhappy case of discipline, which resulted in the sudden removal of the minister, the result of his own preference.

77. Rev. J. P. Stinchfield has labored with the church in LOVELL CENTER the past year to general acceptance. He has received eleven to the church, two by profession, and nine by letter. Ordinarily the ministers who have labored in Lovell have divided their time on the Sabbath between the Village and the Center. But as the Village church has been undergoing extensive repairs, the preaching the past year has been at the Center. Hereafter, both houses are to be occupied as formerly. Nine hundred dollars have been expended in repairs upon the Village house, and repairs are going forward upon the house at the

*About $400 were raised at the annual meeting in aid of this church, to complete their house of worship.

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Center, which it is estimated will cost $400. These signs of a vigorous life are full of encouragement.

78. Mr. St. John had a prosperous mission last summer at ROBBINSTON and RED BEACH. He reported ten conversions. Another missionary has been appointed there for the present summer.

At Red Beach, a quarry of Scotch granite has been opened, furnishing a new branch of business, which promises an increase of population and wealth. It is desirable that some devoted man of enterprise should be permanently stationed at this place and Robbinston; and thus provision be made for the moral and spiritual improvement of that interesting community.

79. The church in WOOLWICH has been afflicted by the death of one of its most important members, thus weakening its pecuniary and moral power. The church are united in their minister, and much attached to him, but cannot support him without charitable help. They tax themselves for the coming year almost two and a half per cent for the sake of the continued enjoyment of his labors. Three conversions.

80. The church in GARLAND has had some peculiar trials, leaving the community poorer by thousands of dollars, besides bringing reproach upon the cause of religion. They stand firmly amidst the sore trials which have come upon them, and promptly and faithfully administer the laws of the kingdom.

82. Mr. Thompson has labored on patiently for several years amidst some discouragements; but not being weary in well-doing, he has this year reaped a blessed harvest. He reports twenty-eight conversions, and ten additions to the church. With great joy he acknowledges the good hand of God upon him.

85. Mr. Tyler has again been blessed in his labors at MONSON. Revival follows revival there with unusual frequency. Twenty new hopes are reported. This ranks among our most important mission churches.

The slate quarries which have been opened there have brought in a large accession to the population and business of the place. It is doubtless destined to grow in population and wealth for years to come, and is to

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become a power in that region. The importance of a vigorous support of the means of grace can hardly be overestimated.

89. Mr. Walters at NORTHFIELD, Mr. Thrall, at BIDDEFORD, and Mr. Williams, at WHITNEYVILLE, had pleasant and useful missions last summer, much to the gratification and comfort of God's people; but no such marked success attended their labors as to require minute description. The churches in Whitneyville and Marshfield would have been glad to settle Mr. Williams this summer, but found themselves unable to raise a competent support.

93. The excellent brother occupying this field needs that faith which enabled Abraham "against hope to believe in hope." The mischief of many isms is as fully illustrated here perhaps as any where in the State. It makes it extremely difficult to hold the people to the faith of the gospel. Still the brother sees progress. He has received five by profession, has dismissed a young man to become pastor of an important church in this State.

"There are probably twice as many people at the various places of meeting in town now on an ordinary Sabbath as there were fifteen years ago. Then ours was the only Sabbath School, I think. For several years past there have been seven or eight in operation during the summer."

In the foregoing notice of individuals and churches, it has not been thought best to swell the report by dwelling upon those in whose state there has been no marked change during the year. The aim has been to give prominence to those cases in which the power and grace of God have been most signally displayed.

SUMMARY.

The number of missionaries employed the past year is ninety-five. Twenty-eight have labored through the entire year. The residue varied from the fraction of a month to eleven months. The aggregate amount of their labor is forty-six years.

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The congregations to which they have preached the everlasting gospel have averaged eight thousand four hundred and seventy-five souls. Conversions reported, five hundred and fifty-five. Additions to the churches, two hundred and fifty-eight; of whom two hundred were by profession. Members in the churches served, four thousand two hundred and thirty; at the weekly prayer-meetings, two thousand three hundred and fifteen; in the Sabbath Schools, five thousand six hundred and sixty-three.

These churches have contributed to Maine Missionary Society two thousand eight hundred and twenty dollars; to other objects, one thousand two hundred and nine dollars; making the full amount four thousand and twenty-nine dollars. One new church has been organized at Abbot Village; and one church, that at Hampden, has become independent of missionary aid.

TREASURY.

It will be gratifying to the friends of the cause to learn that the finances of the Society are in a healthy condition. The entire receipts, including $1,981.17 in the treasury, June, 1875, amount to $17,596.25. From permanent funds, $1,129.50. From miscellaneous sources, $601.08. Bequests, $1,554.08. Loans of Casco Bank, $1,966.80. Church Collections, $10,323.70.

With this sum all the claims against the Society have been extinguished, excepting $1,200; and there is a balance in the treasury of $1,045.17, enough to extinguish the debt wanting $155.

It is extremely gratifying in this year of unusual depression in the business world, of great scarcity of the circulating medium, that the wants of this Society should be so promptly met. In the year closing in the spring of 1875, the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society fell off more than $18,000 in its receipts, as compared with the previous year. It would not therefore have been surprising if there had been an embarrassing shrinkage in our funds. We have reason to thank God that, instead of this, the Society has seldom gone through a year more free from embarrassment.

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REVIVALS.

A larger number of our mission churches than is common, have been visited by the special influences of the Holy Spirit. Eighteen churches report conversions, ranging from ten to forty-seven souls, and many others a smaller number. The whole number that profess to have given their hearts to God, is five hundred and fifty-five,—a larger number than for seventeen years. It has been emphatically a year of the right hand of the Most High, calling for devout gratitude and praise.

Much the larger part of these converts have not yet been gathered into the churches. Nor when gathered will they add largely to their pecuniary strength. They are generally young people, with little or no property, and very soon a large part of them will emigrate to the cities or the great West. This, as one expresses it, "making the strong stronger, and the weak weaker." This process is continually going on, so that in a series of years our mission churches gain very little in numbers and strength. The growth in our State is in the city churches, and largely by emigration from the rural churches. Surely the city churches should ever be the warmest friends and most liberal patrons of home missions. As they are not weary of receiving strength and enterprise from the churches nursed by our Missionary Society, so should they never weary of the oft-repeated and urgent calls to aid this Society in its noble work. The wealth of our churches is mostly in the cities and large villages of the State. From them, therefore, must come most of the funds needed to aid the feeble and dependent.

One would be surprised in looking over the applications for aid to see how small is the property of the churches asking assistance. One church represents its property to be $6,800, and they pledge $225, more than three per cent, for preaching half the time. Another church of $12,737, pledges a salary of $500, more than three per cent. Take eight or ten churches promiscuously, and you will find that they pay more than two per cent on their property for a preached gospel. Will not the able churches cheerfully aid such self-denying bands of believers in sustaining that gospel, which is the power of God unto salvation?

THE PAST AND THE PRESENT.

A comparison of the past with the present often furnishes lessons of profit, sometimes of humility, and sometimes of encouragement and

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thankfulness. Some pains have been taken to compare the condition of the missionary work in Maine the last twelve years with the previous twelve. A careful examination gives this result. The receipts of the last twelve years are in excess of the previous twelve years, $35,028. Ninety-nine more missionaries have been employed. The years of labor were one hundred and one more the previous twelve years; the expenses of conducting missions have increased with nearly every other kind of labor under the sun. The number of conversions reported the last twelve years is twelve more than in the previous twelve. The year 1858 gave the remarkable number of conversions to be nine hundred and forty-four, much larger than in any other year in the history of this Society. Leaving out that year and the corresponding year of the last twelve, and the conversions in the remaining eleven years of the last twelve, are eight hundred and nine,—more than in the corresponding years of the previous twelve. The conversions of the past year, five hundred and fifty-five, are more numerous than in any year since 1858. The revival of 1857 was one of the most remarkable for extent in the history of our American Zion. The years following, large accessions were made to the churches. In 1858 and 1859, two thousand three hundred and thirty-one were added to our churches.

While the comparison of the last twelve years with the previous twelve furnishes no ground of self-complacency, it also wears no discouraging aspect. The fact that through all the sorrowful scenes of a terrible war and the heavy taxes thereby entailed, and a depreciated currency, and the augmented expenses of a daily life, they have increased their contributions to Maine Missionary Society many thousands of dollars, affords the most conclusive evidence that the churches have a vital and effective interest in this work, which will never leave it to decline and die.

God be thanked that this Society has a hold of the churches as fresh and vigorous as in any past time. It therefore will live to shed the blessings of the gospel of the Son of God on generations yet unborn. When we who have borne some humble part in its past work shall cease from our labors, those who shall come after us will take up the work and carry it forward, we may hope, with more vigor than we have done.

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THE YOKING OF CHURCHES,

Though of great importance, is found more difficult than some seem to imagine. While we have about twenty cases in which a minister takes charge of more than one church, there are several others in which this system should be adopted, but churches are kept apart for reasons which form no valid justification. United they might relieve the Missionary Society of what is now paid for their support. It is a grave question whether it is right to expend missionary money in the aid of such churches. Would it not be wise to let them hunger awhile for the bread of life, that they may be induced to adopt a plan to relieve our straitened funds. As long as charitable aid shall be granted them in their separate worship, they will probably remain apart; but if cut off from such assistance, they might bury their prejudices and antipathies, and sit together under the same preaching, and rejoice in the conquest they had gained over themselves.

THE RELATION OF HOME MISSIONS TO OUR COUNTRY.

On this centennial year it cannot be inappropriate to glance at the influence which Home Missions have exerted upon our country.

The missionary spirit came over in the Mayflower. The good men who first came to this country were influenced not merely by the desire for freedom to worship God, but also by the desire and the purpose to christianize the aboriginal pagans of this land. Elliott and the Mayhews gave themselves to this work with apostolic zeal. Nor did they labor in vain. Many savages were won to the love of Christ and the practice of virtue. But the spirit of war awoke, and the work of converting Indians was followed by the work of blood, and missions to them gradually died out.

In the latter part of the last century, the spirit of emigration began rapidly to people the West. Many from Connecticut settled in that part of Ohio called the Western Reserve. The churches, not willing their descendants and friends should decline toward barbarism, organized in 1798, the Connecticut Missionary Society, believed to be the oldest existing institution of the kind in the United States. Nor must this be regarded as the same as the Connecticut *Home* Missionary

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Society. This little State has two State Missionary Societies. The latter is seventeen years younger than the former. Both are still in operation, sending missionaries to the West. But the missionary strength of the State is now mainly put forth through the latter, the Connecticut *Home* Missionary Society.

A similar society was organized in Massachusetts in 1799. Other State Missionary Societies soon followed in the other New England States. In 1826, the American Home Missionary Society was organized, to which the State Societies soon became auxiliary. This gives unity and concentration to the work of Home Missions for the nation.

These Societies have for their object the evangelization of this great land. They have already accomplished much. They have carried the gospel to many States, each large enough for an empire. By the influence this gospel has exerted in the formation of individual character, lifting it above the demands of sordid selfishness; by its hallowed influence upon the family, making this primary institution which is "the center of human society," the home of all the social virtues; by fostering primary schools and seminaries of learning for the training of the young to all that is noble and useful in life,—an invaluable work has been accomplished. Wherever the free gospel goes it builds schools and colleges, and provides for the education of the people. As our missionaries go into a new State or territory, their earliest and most earnest efforts are directed to the establishment of educational institutions. Emigration tends to barbarism; the grand corrective to this tendency in the West has been the gospel, carried and sustained there by Home Missions. Noble States have sprung into existence as by enchantment. Under the plastic influence af the gospel they are not pagan, but christian States, though still imperfect. They stand forth in the vigor of youth and early manhood, a bulwark to our institutions; ready, as seen in the late war, to peril all in the protection and defense of our government.

Would it not be eminently fitting in this day of the centennial exhibition of the greatness and glory of the country, that in some form there should be a public recognition of the part which Home Missions have borne in making our nation what it is, the most renowned republic of the world, the asylum of the oppressed from all lands, the light of the nations, and the glory of all the earth?

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But the work needed to bring this nation into harmony with God and his government is far from being completed. There remaineth much land to be possessed. The population is rapidly increasing, not only by a natural growth, but by an enormous immigration from the nations of the eastern hemisphere.

It is a great and difficult work to bring these teeming millions now here, and more numerous millions soon to occupy this land, to wear the yoke of Christ. Naught but the gospel of Christ, faithfully administered, and accompanied by the power of the Holy Ghost, can accomplish this work.

The perpetuity of our government,—the salvation of our country from the horrors of anarchy, as well as the eternal weal of untold myriads of souls, depend on the predominant power of the gospel over the generations here to come and go.

The business of propagating this gospel through our vast domain is the work of Home Missions. Great is the field, and rapid is the progress of its settlement. The population rolls west, it is estimated, at the rate of sixteen miles a year, covering a territory sixteen miles wide and fourteen hundred miles long—some say eighteen hundred—equal to twenty-two thousand four hundred square miles, enough to cover more than two-thirds the territory of Maine.

The thought is grand, and almost overwhelming. To thoroughly evangelize the present settled territory, and then to keep pace with this rolling tide toward the setting sun, is the work of the American church of all evangelical denominations, through the agency of Home Missions. A work large enough and grand enough to occupy to the full its power of prayer, of preaching, and holy zeal.

We will thank God with a full heart that not the American Home Missionary Society only is engaged in this work, but various other similar societies are bearing a part in it. There is room enough for all, and work enough. They will find it sufficiently difficult to meet the demands and exigencies of the case.

There is need of a large increase of holy zeal in the missionary work. In the consecration of sons and daughters, and wealth to this sublime cause, most professing Christians have scarcely progressed beyond their alphabet. The practice of self-denial is scarcely known among the well-to-do in the world. If self-denial is anywhere found it is with the

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poor, who cast in their mites into the Lord's treasury. Here and there a man of wealth gives with a liberal hand; but alas for the multitude, who bear not a hand, and offer not a prayer for the spread of the gospel or the salvation of their fellow-travelers to eternity.

When the spirit of full consecration shall pervade the church generally, then prophetic vision shall be realized, and a nation be born in a day. God shall overturn and overturn, till he shall come whose right it is to reign; and in due time this land and all lands, shall rejoice to own Messiah's sway, and place upon his head the diadem of glory.

In behalf of the Trustees,

STEPHEN THURSTON,

Secretary.

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TREASURER'S

Dr. JOSHUA MAXWELL, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH

1876.

June.—To balance in the Treasury as settled June, 1875 ..... $1,981.17

PERMANENT FUND:

To dividend Casco Bank	$200.00	
" " Canal Bank	286.00	
" " Manuf. Bank	80.00	
" " Medomak Bank	20.00	
" " State Bank, Boston	32.75	
" " Portland, Saco, and Portsmouth Railroad	23.75	
" " Lewiston Falls Manufacturing Co	00.00	
" " Bath City Coupons	150.00	
" " Portland City Coupons	120.00	
" " Portland and Rochester Coupons	98.00	
" " St. Louis Coupons	60.00	
" " Thornton Legacy income	59.00	
		1,129 50
Wm. B. Sewall fund income	$339.18	
Received Dr. Thurston, preaching	38.00	
Field estate income	188.15	
S. P. Dunlap returned	20.00	
Contribution New Castle and Alna, credited to Maine Missionary Society, was intended for Foreign Missions	15.80	
		601.08
Legacy, annual, Mrs. L. W. Maxwell, late of Wells	$ 6.00	
" A. Conant, late of Portland	500.00	
		506.00
Bequest Benjamin Delano, late of Bath	$500.00	
" Oliver Eveleth, late of Greenville	253.00	
" Deacon Elisha Morse, late of South Paris	20.00	
" Doct. Reuben Buck, late of Milton Mills, N. H.	50.00	
" Oliver Eveleth, balance	265.00	
		1,088.00
Received for Loans Casco Bank		1,966.80
" from church collections, donations, annuities, life-memberships, etc		10,323.70
		$17,596.25

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REPORT.

THE MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY. *Cr.*

1876.

June.—By paid Missionaries			$10,758.98
" " Rev. Dr. Thurston	$1,300.00		
" " " " " traveling expenses	71.74		
" " " " " arrearage for two previous years	350.00		
" " Sewall fund income to Mrs. Bourne	227.50		
" " W. B. Sewall fund income to Mrs. Sewall	339.12		
" " Abbott fund income to church, Jackson	30.00		
" " Field fund income to Mrs. Field	70.00		
" " Burr & Co. bill, printing reports	244.00		
" " E. F. Duren bills	25.00		
" " Shaw & Co. bills, Mirror	47.28		
" " B. Thurston & Co	17.50		
" " Returned contribution to Boston for Foreign Missions	15.80		
		2,737.94	
" " Notes Casco Bank		3,000.00	
" " Treasurer's account as per bill rendered		59.16	
Balance in the treasury		1,045.17	
			$17,596.25

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The Society is indebted $1200, due 10th July.

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched, and showing a balance in the Treasury of one thousand forty-five and 17-100 dollars ($1,045.17).

GEO. F. THURSTON,
THOMAS R. HAYES.

Portland, June 26, 1876.

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ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE.

Passadumkeag	$ 12 00	Burlington	$ 71 50
Houlton	10 66	Fort Fairfield and vicinity	40 00
Caribou	2 00		
County Conference	12 00	Amount	$148 16

CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE.

Williston Chapel, Portland	$ 39 71	Cumberland	$ 37 03
State Street, "	590 30	Lewiston	92 00
High Street, "	210 00	Harpswell	8 50
Plymouth, "	112 19	Cape Elizabeth	13 50
Second Church, "	44 25	Gorham	86 30
St. Lawrence, "	61 67	Gorham, N. H.	3 50
Fourth Church, "	27 00	West Auburn	5 15
Gray	47 48	Standish	27 75
Yarmouth, First	197 05	Poland	2 00
" Central	160 05	Scarboro	43 00
New Gloucester	69 00	Windham	15 00
North Yarmouth	53 65	Minot	17 00
Freeport	53 25	Ligonia	5 00
South Freeport	152 17	Auburn	226 79
Westbrook, Warren Ch.	25 00		
Brunswick	223 10	Amount	$2702 39
Falmouth	54 00		

FRANKLIN CONFERENCE.

Weld	$ 33 61	Industry	$ 23 00
Temple	20 00	New Sharon	20 00
Farmington	116 46		
Wilton	50 00	Amount	$268 67
Strong	5 60		

HANCOCK CONFERENCE.

Castine	$110 00	Deer Isle	$ 29 00
Bucksport	181 75	North Deer Isle	15 00
Ellsworth	10 00	Orland	25 00
West Brooksville	30 00	Bluehill	1 50
Brooksville	1 00	Tremont	5 00
West Trenton	59 00		
Mt. Desert	20 00	Amount	$487 25

KENNEBEC CONFERENCE.

Winslow	$ 41 65	Monmouth	$ 60 00
Litchfield	20 00	Waterville	25 57
Gardiner	115 50	Pittston	16 50
Hallowell	271 00	Richmond	55 00
Winthrop	17 20		
Augusta	405 00	Amount	$1027 42

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LINCOLN CONFERENCE.

Boothbay	$ 31 00	Wiscasset	$ 1 00
Woolwich	17 50	Warren	6 85
Alna	34 00	Union	28 75
New Castle	88 81	Phipsburg	26 00
Bath, Winter St.	406 81	Washington	46 25
Bath, Central	267 00	Topsham	9 45
Waldoboro	25 25		
Rockland	56 50	Amount	$1091 17
Thomaston	46 00		

OXFORD CONFERENCE.

South Paris	$ 16 10	Sumner	$ 18 35
County Conference	20 00	Oxford	2 50
Bethel	31 25	Gilead	7 50
Rumford	5 00	Bethel, Second	10 00
Andover	19 23		
Turner	26 37	Amount	$156 30

PENOBSCOT CONFERENCE.

Kenduskeag	$ 23 00	Hampden	$ 25 00
Bangor, Central	300 55	Dedham	18 15
" First	263 81	Dixmont	1 00
" Hammond St.	200 00	East Orrington	10 00
Brewer, First	67 78		
Oldtown	51 00	Amount	$960 29

PISCATAQUIS CONFERENCE.

Garland	$ 40 00	Greenville	$ 46 75
Monson	31 00		
Blanchard	22 50	Amount	$156 25
Brownville	16 00		

SOMERSET CONFERENCE.

Norridgewock	$ 45 00	Solon	$ 24 00
Madison	40 00	East Madison	70 00
St. Albans	21 40	Pittsfield	50 00
South Anson	24 00	East Madison	36 00
Athens	8 10		
North New Portland	32 00	Amount	$434 50
Bingham	84 00		

UNION CONFERENCE.

Brownfield	$ 24 50	Denmark	$ 60 00
Sweden	20 00	Brownfield	5 00
North Bridgton	20 00	Union Conference	22 00
Fryeburg	23 23	Harrison	9 00
Bridgton, First	28 53	Hiram	6 25
South Bridgton	25 25	North Waterford	5 50
Naples	10 00		
Sweden	41 00	Amount	$300 26

WALDO CONFERENCE.

Belfast	$123 00	Stockton	$ 14 00
Searsport, First	195 00	Jackson	15 00
Rockport	30 00	Winterport	9 50
Camden	51 11	Frankfort	7 46
County Conference	27 26		
Freedom	8 00	Amount	$480 33

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WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

Machias	$ 67 00	Northfield	$ 80 00
East Machias	30 00	Topsfield	8 50
Machiasport	48 00	Robbinston	65 00
Eastport	108 00	Whitneyville and Marshfield	32 00
Calais	75 00	Whiting	50 00
Steuben	39 00		
East Harrington	5 00	Amount	$608 27

YORK CONFERENCE.

Biddeford, Pavilion Ch	$ 61 00	County Conference	$ 25 00
" Second	108 10	Kennebunkport	11 50
" First	20 00	" South	7 84
York	36 00	Wells, Second	15 00
Kittery	25 65	Lebanon	2 00
Wells, First	119 78	South Berwick	101 00
Limington	30 00	Alfred	23 25
Cornish	15 00	Sanford	5 00
Lebanon	10 00	Saco	85 00
Acton	31 00		
Kennebenk	147 36	Amount	$878 48

MISCELLANEOUS.

Lady Friends, Boston	$ 35 80	A Friend, Mass	$ 10 00
Rev. E. Bond, Sandwich Islands	28 25	Mrs. G. E. Adams, N. J	10 00
Mrs. Haley, Peabody, Mass	4 00	Mrs. J. Johnson, Conn	2 00
C. T. Boynton, Delaware	10 00	Friends in Portland	42 60
The Advance	10 00	S. T. for Preaching	38 00
Rev. C. G. Hill, Mass	3 50		
A Friend, Colorado	2 00	Amount	$205 55
Rev. S. Hayward, N. H	10 00		

The amount in the foregoing table is $9,965 29.

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LIST OF LIFE MEMBERS MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ABBOT VILLAGE.

Bradman, Geo. A.

ACTON.

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Haskell, Joseph C.
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Stanwood, Mrs. Alice R.

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Jackson, Miss Julia H.
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Shaw, Miss Ida Newell
Snipe, Langdon Trufant

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Dodge, Daniel

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Reed, John McCobb
Reed, jr., Thos. McCobb

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Page, Susie Souther
Stone, Rev. B. N.

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Foy, Henry
Foy, Mrs. Eliza

HALLOWELL.

Emmons, Ellen S.
Fish, Charles
Gardiner, Ellen
Masters, Miss Lizzie G.
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Merryman, Capt. Tubuel

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Longfellow, Mrs. Hannah
Smith, Miss Caroline
Smith, S. Maria
Stone, Mrs. Chas. F.
Thaxter, Marshall
Tyler, Albion
Wilder, Mason H.
Wilder, W.

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Hadley, Mrs. Sally

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Tyler, Rev. Amory H

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Obear, Rev. W. F.

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Dutton, Samuel

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THOMASTON.

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WARREN.

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WELLS.

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Douglass, Mrs. Sarah L.

WILTON.

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WOOLWICH.

Stinson, Miss Jeanette G.

YARMOUTH.

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CITIES AND TOWNS ALPHABETICALLY ARRANGED.

The two hundred and forty-two Congregational Churches in this State are in the following cities and towns. The figures on the right refer to the page where the record of the churches may be found.

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Abbot Village....31, 36, 50, 72 73, 147, 236, 245
Acton....31, 54, 81, 147 236, 247
Albany...51, 75, 76, 147, 234, 239
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MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

SEVENTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

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June 26, 27, and 28, 1877.

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OF THE

General Conference of the Congregational Churches in Maine, 1877.

Fifty-second Annual Meeting, in Auburn, June 25, 1878.

Rev. WILLIAM H. FENN,.....*Moderator*,.....Portland.
Rev. EZRA H. BYINGTON,.....*Corresponding Secretary*,.....Brunswick.
Dea. ELNATHAN F. DUREN, ...*Rec. Sec. & Ch. Com. Publication*,.. Bangor.
Dea. JOSEPH S. WHEELWRIGHT,..*Treasurer*,.....Bangor.
Dea. WILLIAM S. DENNETT,.....*Auditor*,.....Bangor.
Rev. STEPHEN L. BOWLER,.....*Committee Sabbath Schools*,.....Machias.
Rev. OSGOOD W. ROGERS,.....*Chairman Committee Nominations*,.Farmington.

Officers of the Maine Missionary Society.

Seventy-first Anniversary, in Auburn, ...June 26, 1878.

Rev. JOHN O. FISKE,.....*President*,.....Bath.
Dea. JOSEPH S. WHEELWRIGHT...*Vice President*,.....Bangor.
Rev. JONATHAN E. ADAMS, ...*Cor. and Recording Secretary*,.....Bangor.
JOSHUA MAXWELL,.....*Treasurer*,.....Portland.
Dea. THOMAS R. HAYES,..... } *Auditors*,.....Portland.
GEORGE FRANCIS THURSTON,... }

Officers of the Maine Congregational Charitable Society.

Fiftieth Annual Meeting, June 25, 1878.

Rev. WOOSTER PARKER,.....*President*,.....Belfast.
Rev. SEWALL TENNEY, ... *Vice-President*,.....Ellsworth.
Rev. EDWARD F. CUTTER, ...*Secretary*,.....Rockland.
Rev. JONATHAN E. ADAMS,..... *Treasurer*,.....Bangor.
Dea. J. S. WHEELWRIGHT,.....*Auditor*,.....Bangor.

Officers Maine Branch American College and Education Society.

Sixtieth Annual Meeting, June 26, 1878.

Rev. ENOCH POND,.....*President*,.....Bangor.
Rev. JOHN O. FISKE,.....*Vice-President*,.....Bath.
Rev. JOHN S. SEWALL, ...*Secretary*,.....Bangor.
Prof. CHARLES H. SMITH,.....*Treasurer*,.....Brunswick.
CHARLES N. BATES, ...*Auditor*,.....Brunswick.

Woman's Board of Missions.---State Auxiliary.

Fifth Anniversary, June 27, 1878.

Receivers and Reporters.

Aroostook Conference—Rev. Zenas Crowell, of Houlton. *Cumberland*—Rev. T. S. Perry, of Cumberland. *Franklin*—E. P. Packard, Wilton. *Hancock*—Rev. E. R. Osgood, of Bluehill. *Kennebec*—Rev. W. C. Curtis, of Richmond. *Lincoln and Sagadahoc*—Rev. Lewis Goodrich, of Warren. *Oxford*—A. W. Valentine, of Bethel. *Penobscot*—L. W. Starbird, of East Dixmont. *Piscataquis*—Rev. R. W. Emerson, of Monson. *Somerset*—Clinton A. Woodbury, of Skowhegan. *Union*—Rev. H. H. Osgood, of Waterford. *Waldo*—Rev. A. N. Jones, of Jackson. *Washington*—Charles F. Stone, of Machias. *York*—Rev. W. S. Thompson, of Acton.

Committee on Evangelization.

To report June, 1878. Revs. L. L. Paine, J. E. Adams, and S. L. Bowler.

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MINUTES OF 1877.

The FIFTY-FIRST Annual Meeting of the GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES IN MAINE, was held with the church in CALAIS, commencing on Tuesday morning, June 26, at 9 o'clock.

The *Moderator*, Rev. William H. Fenn, of Portland, not having arrived, the Recording Secretary called to order, and to the choice of a Moderator *pro tem.*

Rev. Solomon P. Fay, of Bangor, was elected. After brief opening remarks, he read the 24th Psalm, and 61st of Isaiah.

Conference united in singing Hymn 76—(Songs of the Sanctuary:)

"In thy name, O Lord, assembling." (*Greenville.*)

Rev. Edward F. Cutter, of Belfast, led in prayer.

Rev. S. L. Bowler, of Machias, and Rev. J. A. Ross, of Belfast, were appointed a Committee to receive the credentials of members.

DELEGATES.

COUNTY CONFERENCES REPRESENTED.

AROOSTOOK.

Rev. William A. Merrill, of Sherman Mills. **Warren G. Davidson, of Sherman.**
Rev. Zenas Crowell, of Houlton.

CUMBERLAND.

Rev. George S. Dickerman, of Lewiston. **Dea. Brown Thurston, of Portland.**
Rev. William A. Bosworth, of Deering.

HANCOCK.

Rev. Sewall Tenney, of Ellsworth. **Dea. Simeon Allen, of Brooksville.**
Dea. Edward Swasey, of Bucksport.

KENNEBEC.

Rev. Henry F. Harding, of Hallowell. **James M. Larrabee, of Gardiner.**
Rev. Almon W. Burr, of Hallowell.

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LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOC.

Rev. Andrew J. McLeod, of Waldoboro. Rev. Ezra B. Pike, of Boothbay.
Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath.

OXFORD.

Rev. David Garland, of Bethel. Josiah T. Stinson, of Sumner.

PENOBSCOT.

Rev. Solomon P. Fay, of Bangor. Dea. George A. Thatcher, of Bangor.
Rev. Levi L. Paine, of Bangor. Moody P. Moulton, of Dedham.

PISCATAQUIS.

Rev. Charles L. Nichols, of Brownville. Dea. Chas. H. B. Woodbury, of Foxcroft.
Rev. Amos Redlon, of Abbot Village. George A. Bradman, of Abbot.

WALDO.

Rev. John A. Ross, of Belfast. Dea. Lemuel R. Palmer, of Belfast.
Rev. Edward F. Cutter, of Belfast.

WASHINGTON.

Rev. J. Evarts Pond, of Milltown, N. B. Dea. Cyrus Balkham, of Robbinston.
Rev. Charles Whittier, of Dennysville. Dea. Peter E. Vose, of Dennysville.

YORK.

Rev. George R. Merrill, of Biddeford. Hon. Abel H. Jelleson, of Biddeford.
Rev. Woodbury S. Kimball, of Wells.

MEMBERS EX-OFFICIIS.

OFFICERS.—Rev. William H. Fenn, of Portland; Rev. Solomon P. Fay, of Bangor; Dea. Elnathan F. Duren, of Bangor.

MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES.—Revs. Jonathan E. Adams, of Bangor; Stephen L. Bowles, of Machias; Edward F. Cutter, of Belfast; William H. Fenn, of Portland; John O. Fiske, of Bath; David Garland, of Bethel; Charles G. McCully, of Calais; Andrew J. McLeod, of Waldoboro; William A. Merrill, of Sherman Mills; Levi L. Paine, of Bangor; Jeremiah E. Pond, of Milltown; Amos Redlon, of Abbot Village; Sewall Tenney, of Ellsworth; Stephen Thurston, of Searsport; Charles Whittier, of Dennysville; Dr. Charles E. Swan, of Calais; Dea. E. F. Duren, of Bangor.

MINISTER OF THE PLACE.—Rev. Charles G. McCully.

PREACHER.—Rev. Austin L. Park, of Gardiner.

DELEGATE WHO FULFILLED HIS APPOINTMENT.—Rev. A. L. Park, of Gardiner, to Maine Methodist Conference.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Rev. Lorenzo D. Wardwell, of Milltown, (Calais,) from the East Maine Methodist Conference.

Rev. Duncan McGregor, of Liverpool, N. S., from the Congregational Union of Nova-Scotia and New Brunswick.

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REPRESENTATIVES FROM BENEVOLENT ORGANIZATIONS.

American Board Commissioners for Foreign Missions—Rev. William Warren, of Gorham, District Secretary.

Rev. Crosby H. Wheeler, of the Harpoot Mission, Turkey.

Rev. Benjamin G. Snow, of the Micronesian Mission.

American Missionary Association—Rev. Charles L. Woodworth, Secretary, of Boston.

American Bible Society—Rev. William H. Gilbert, of New Haven, District Superintendent in New England.

American Tract Society—Rev. James P. Kimball, Secretary, of Boston.

American Seamen's Friend Society—Rev. Samuel C. Fessenden, of Stamford, Conn.

The Constitution and Rules were read.

Rev. Osgood W. Rogers, of Franklin Conference, and Rev. Jonathan Edwards, of Penobscot Conference, were appointed to fill vacancies in the Nominating Committee; Rev. Abiel H. Wright, of Cumberland Conference, and Rev. William A. Merrill, of Aroostook Conference, to take the place of two whose term of office expires.

REPORTS OF DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Rev. Austin L. Park, of Gardiner, fulfilled his appointment to the Maine Methodist Conference, at Gardiner, and was very cordially received.

Rev. Javan K. Mason, of Thomaston, reported by letter that he was present at the meeting of the East Maine Methodist Conference in Thomaston, and was fraternally received. He also reported that in the absence of the delegate chosen to attend the session of the Maine Baptist Missionary Convention, in Thomaston, he was present to represent the Conference, and was most cordially received.

Rev. Chas. G. McCully, of Calais, made a Report in behalf of the Committee of Arrangements, which was accepted.

United in singing Hymn 485—"A charge to keep I have."—(*Boylston.*)

A season was spent in further devotional exercises, and in reminiscenses of the meeting of Conference in this place, twenty-one years since, participated in by Rev. S. C. Fessenden, of Stamford, Conn., who with Rev. C. H. Wheeler, was present at that meeting, as Delegate from Lincoln Conference; Rev. Edward F. Cutter, of Belfast, Rev. William Warren, of Gorham; Rev. Sewall Tenney, of Ellsworth; and the Moderator.

United in Prayer with Rev. Benjamin G. Snow, of Micronesia; Dea. Geo. A. Thatcher, of Bangor; and Rev. S. C. Fessenden; the latter

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specially remembering the Church in Fryeburg, of which his honored grandfather was once Pastor.

Sung Hymn 558—"Oh, for a heart to praise my God."—(*Dedham.*)

On motion of Rev. E. F. Cutter, Conference voted that in all discussions, the speakers who opened the subject should be allowed ten minutes, and those who followed to be limited to five minutes each, except by permission of Conference.

THE WORKING POWER OF THE CHURCH.

11 o'clock A. M. The first topic for discussion related to the development of the working power of the Church.

Opened by Rev. Levi L. Paine, of Bangor, followed by Revs. John A. Ross and E. F. Cutter, of Belfast; J. E. Pond, of Milltown; Stephen Thurston, of Searsport; S. L. Bowler, of Machias; Benj. G. Snow, Wm. Warren, Dea. G. A. Thatcher, and the Moderator.

United in prayer with Dea. Chas. H. B. Woodbury, of Foxcroft, and in singing

Hymn 645—"Awake, my soul."—(*Christmas.*)

Report from the Committee of Arrangements was accepted.

The Roll of Members was called.

Adjourned, after Benediction by the Moderator.

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2 o'clock P. M. Devotional services, led by Dea. Peter E. Vose, of Dennysville.

United in singing Hymn 394,—"Spirit Divine, attend our prayer." (*Downs.*)

The 18th chapter of Luke was read,—followed by remarks on the Power of Prayer, and personal effort.

Revs. W. Warren, and E. F. Cutter, Dea. Gallagher and others, led in prayer.

Sung Hymn 947,—Sow in the morn thy seed." (*Laban.*)

Sung Hymn 605,—"Jesus, lover of my soul." (*Martyn.*)

2 1-2 P. M. The Moderator read the eleventh chapter of Hebrews, and led in prayer.

Sung Hymn 650,—Rise, O my soul, pursue the path." (*Arlington.*)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Rev. Ezra H. Byington, of Brunswick, Corresponding Secretary of Conference, not being able to be present, forwarded his report of the state of the churches, which was read by Rev. Chas. G. McCully, of Calais.

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The report was accepted,—to be published in the Minutes.

A prayer of Thanksgiving was offered, led by Rev. A. L. Park, of Gardiner, for the mercies of the year, as experienced in the revivals throughout the State.

THE RECENT REVIVALS.

During the discussion of this topic, Rev. Levi L. Paine, of Bangor, was called to the chair.

Sung Hymn 393,—"Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove." (*Turner.*)

The recent revivals,—their prominent features and special lessons, was opened by Rev. S. P. Fay, of Bangor, and Rev. S. L. Bowler, of Machias,—followed by Revs. E. F. Cutter, W. Warren, S. Tenney, Wm. A. Merrill, of Sherman Mills, S. Thurston, and Capt. John Smith, of Marion.

Adjourned, after benediction by the Moderator.

MAINE CONGREGATIONAL CHARITABLE SOCIETY.

Incorporated February 25, 1829.

FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING.

Tuesday evening, at 7 1-2 o'clock.

Rev. Sewall Tenney, of Ellsworth, Vice-President, in the chair, who stated the objects of the Society.

United in singing Hymn 933—"The poor are thy peculiar care." (*Ward.*)

Dr. Tenney read the 13th chapter of Hebrews, and led in prayer.

The Report of the Treasurer, Rev. J. E. Adams, of Bangor, was presented.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in the Treasury, 1876,	$726 07	
Contribution at Annual Meeting in Portland,	60 40	
From five churches,	86 00	
From six individuals,	78 65	
Interest,	198 00	
		$1349 12

EXPENDITURES.

Paid to fifteen families,	$622 00	
Invested in permanent funds,	200 00	
Balance in the Treasury to new account,	527 12	
		$1349 12

Amount of invested funds, $3,300.

Rev. E. F. Cutter, Secretary, of Belfast, made an appeal in behalf of the Society, which gives aid to the widows and orphans of Ministers.

A collection was taken, amounting to $50.76.

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OFFICERS OF THE MAINE CONGREGATIONAL CHARITABLE SOCIETY.

Rev. WOOSTER PARKER.....*President*.....Belfast.
Rev. SEWALL TENNEY.....*Vice-President*.....Ellsworth.
Rev. EDWARD F. CUTTER.....*Secretary*.....Belfast.
Rev. JONATHAN E. ADAMS.....*Treasurer*.....Bangor.
Dea. JOSEPH S. WHEELWRIGHT...*Auditor*.....Bangor.

The President, Secretary, and Treasurer, *ex-officiis*, Rev. Messrs. E. POND, S. TENNEY, S. THURSTON, J. K. MASON, E. H. BYINGTON, and S. P. FAY, *Trustees*.

CONFERENCE SERMON.

8 o'clock. Conference resumed its session.

Rev. William H. Fenn, of Portland, Moderator, presiding.

Organ Voluntary, by Martin Bradish.

Anthem by the Choir—"The earth is the Lord's." (Composed by the organist.)

Rev. George S. Dickerman, of Lewiston, read the 15th chapter of the Acts, and led in prayer.

The congregation united with the choir, organ and cornet, in singing:

Hymn 328,—"Come every pious heart." (*Lenox.*)

Sermon by Rev. Austin L. Park, of Gardiner. Text 1 Peter 4:10. Theme,—Believers, stewards of God's grace—His messengers to men. (Pub. in Ch. Mirror, July 14.)

Sung Hymn 947,—"Sow in the morn thy seed." (*Laban.*)

Prayer and benediction by the preacher.

SECOND DAY.--Wednesday, June 27.

6 A. M. Prayer meeting, conducted by Rev. Stephen L. Bowler, of Machias. Bible reading, Matt. 12: 46-50, in connection with prayer, and sacred song, from the "Winnowed Hymns." Reports were made of revivals of religion, especially in Boothbay, and Lewiston.

8 o'clock. Conference met according to adjournment.

The Moderator read a part of the 40th chapter of Isaiah, and Rev. Frank E. Clark, of Cumberland Conference, led in prayer.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

The report of the Treasurer, Dea. Joseph S. Wheelwright, of Bangor, was presented, which together with the report of the Auditor accompanying, were duly accepted.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand from old acc't	$2.58	
Collection at Annual Meeting in Portland, 1876	49.31	
Balance of Oxford Conference, 1875	6.44	
Balance of Somerset Conference, 1875	2.96	
(1) County Conferences, 1876	514.02	
Donation of B. Thurston & Co., Portland	25.00	
Minutes sold out of the State	11.68	
		$611.99

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Freight, Postage, Blanks, and Expenses, 1876	$118.25	
" B. Thurston & Co., towards printing and binding Minutes, 1876,	471.19	
" Rev. J. E. Adams bill, Postage and Circulars for Committee..	12.76	
Balance to new acc't	9.79	
		$611.99

(1) Aroostook,	$10.00	Lincoln and S.,	$64.79	Union,	$30.00
Cumberland,	111.82	Oxford,	16.10	Waldo,	24.00
Franklin,	18.48	Penobscot,	50.00	Washington,	40.00
Hancock,	2.33	Piscataquis,	28.00	York,	68.93
Kennebec,	39.50	Somerset,	10.07		
		Total			$514.02

THE MINUTES.

A resolution was introduced by Rev. Wm. A. Bosworth, of Cumberland Conference, limiting to one hundred pages, the annual pamphlet of the General Conference. After some expression of views, participated in by Revs. Cutter, Garland, Fiske, Dickerman, Kimball and others, it was laid upon the table. It was subsequently taken up, and fully discussed, and the resolution was not adopted. The subject being left as heretofore with the Committee on Publication, to exercise their best judgment as to the contents, and with due regard to economy.

By request of Rev. E. H. Byington, the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. Addison Blanchard, of Cumberland Mills, was appointed to assist him in the preparation of his report for publication.

Adjourned.

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SEVENTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

Nine o'clock, A. M.

The choir sung a selection from the Cantata of Ruth—

"He that goeth forth, and weepeth."..... *Broad.*

The President, Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath, conducted the services.

United in singing Hymn 1141,—"Jesus shall reign where'er the sun." (*Missionary Chant.*)

The President read a part of the 60th chapter of Isaiah, and 20th of the Acts, and led in prayer.

The report of the Secretary and Treasurer, which were read, the remarks following, the sermon, and the business transacted, may be found in another part of this pamphlet.

Annual contribution, $52.15.

Sermon, by Rev. Professor Levi L. Paine, of Bangor Seminary.

Texts. Luke, 4:43; Mark 16:15, 19, 20.

United in singing Hymn 1172. "Hail to the Lord's anointed." (*Webb.*)

Prayer and benediction, by Rev. Benjamin G. Snow, of Micronesia.

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2 o'clock P. M. The moderator read the 80th Psalm. Rev. William A. Bosworth, of Deering, led in prayer.

BANGOR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Rev. Andrew J. McLeod, of Waldoboro, in behalf of the Committee who visited the Seminary at its last anniversary, presented their report. It was accepted, to be published in the Minutes.

HALLOWELL CLASSICAL AND SCIENTIFIC ACADEMY.

Rev. Henry F. Harding, Secretary, referred to this as an institution well established, and of high excellence, and needing funds permanently to sustain it.

Rev. Almon W. Burr, the Principal, made an appeal in its behalf. He, as well as the Secretary, spoke with great satisfaction of the religious interest during the year. Ninety to one hundred conversions.

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Rev. I. P. Warren, Editor of the *Mirror*, Portland, spoke of his visit, and knowledge of the School, and commended it to the churches.

Rev. C. H. Wheeler, of the Harpoot Mission, thought if ten individuals would each resolve to raise $5000 for this Academy, they would find a way to accomplish it.

CHRISTIAN MIRROR.

Rev. A. L. Park, of Gardiner, introduced the following resolution, with remarks on the importance of the paper to Maine, and the good work it is accomplishing. Rev. C. G. McCully, in seconding the resolution, added his testimony to its value.

WHEREAS the *Christian Mirror*, in its present enlarged and improved form, is an indispensable bond of union, and medium of communication between our churches, and performs an essential service as an exponent of the Home Missionary work in our State, being also an educator, and an ally of religion in our homes,—therefore

Resolved, that we commend the *Mirror* to our churches, as worthy of liberal support, and wide circulation.

Adopted.

Rev. I. P. Warren, the Editor of the *Mirror*, responded, with thanks, making some reference to his wishes in regard to the paper, as a means of good in the State.

United in singing Hymn 662—"Children of the Heavenly King." (*Pleyel's Hymn.*)

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

Rev. William H. Gilbert, of New Haven, District Superintendent in New England, presented the objects and work of this Society.

The following Resolutions, introduced by Rev. Charles Whittier, of Dennysville, with remarks, were subsequently adopted:

Resolved, That in the judgment of this Conference, the work of Scripture distribution, as conducted in this State, under the supervision of the American Bible Society,—sending a discreet and faithful Christian man, with the Sacred Scriptures into every household, ready to speak a word in behalf of its claims, is an evangelizing work of great value to our commonwealth.

Resolved, That we gratefully recognize the liberality of the American Bible Society, in aiding several auxiliaries in the most scattered and destitute portions of our State, to distribute the Word of God within their borders.

AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

Rev. Charles L. Woodworth, Secretary, of Boston, addressed the Conference as to the work this Association has to do for the Chinese, the Indian, and the Negro,—the influence of that work on this country, and other lands and races. He desired that they might have yearly, one collection from each church.

Sung Hymn—"My faith looks up to thee."—(*Olivet.*)

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SALUTATIONS OF OTHER BODIES.

Rev. Lorenzo D. Wardwell, of Milltown, Calais, presented the fraternal greetings of the East Maine Methodist Conference, comprising 100 pastoral charges.

Rev. Duncan McGregor, of Liverpool, N. S., though not the appointed delegate, yet, in his absence, was glad to represent the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, with its 118 Churches and 7000 members, and to offer their Christian and brotherly salutations.

The Moderator responded to each, proffering in return our friendly sympathy, and Christian fellowship, and sincere desire for their prosperity in the work committed to them.

A report of the Committee of Arrangements was accepted.

After calling the roll, adjourned.

Evening—7:30. Service of praise, conducted by Rev. George R. Merrill, of Biddeford.

The twenty-third Psalm was read in unison by the congregation, and Rev. Woodbury S. Kimball, of Wells, led in prayer.

The leader introduced and followed with brief remarks, and Bible readings, the following hymns, which were sung—the choir, organ and cornet, with the congregation, uniting in the service:

Hymn 42—"Come ye that love the Lord," v. 1, 2. (*St. Thomas.*)
" 358—"Hail thou once despised Jesus," 2 v. (*Harwell.*)
" 735—"Jesus my Shepherd is," v. 3. 4. (*Laban.*)
" 919—"Here I can firmly rest," v. 1, 3. (*Silver St.*)
" 674—"In Holy Contemplation," v. 2, 3. (*Webb.*)
" 658—"How gentle God's commands," v. 1, 4. (*Dennis.*)

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8 o'clock. The Moderator read part of the twelfth chapter of First Corinthians, and latter part 16th Mark.

Rev. Stephen Thurston, of Searsport, led in prayer.

EVANGELIZATION OF THE STATE.

The remainder of the evening was devoted to a discussion suggested by the sermon of Professor Paine, before the Maine Missionary Society, in the morning, with reference to the means to be used for the promotion of the moral and religous interests of the State; the growth of the churches, and the advancement of the kingdom of our Lord,—by

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a permanent pastorate, by evangelistic labors, and the active co-operation of the members of our churches. Remarks were made by Revs. J. O. Fiske, S. Thurston, B. G. Snow, Wm. Warren, S. C. Fessenden, C. L. Woodworth, G. S. Dickerman, E. J. Roke, of East Machias, I. P. Warren, and H. M. Mead, of Fort Fairfield.

Rev. Professor L. L. Paine, subsequently introduced with remarks, the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, in view of the impressive and startling facts which have been presented to this Conference in regard to the religious destitution of Maine, that a Committee of three be appointed to investigate more fully the condition of the unevangelized population of the State, and to report the same at the next meeting of the Conference,—together with such recommendation as the facts collected may suggest.

Committee.—Rev. Levi L. Paine, of Bangor; Rev. J. E. Adams, Secretary of the Maine Missionary Society; and Rev. Stephen L. Bowler, of Machias.

THIRD DAY--Thursday, June 28.

6 o'clock A. M. Prayer meeting, conducted by Mr. James M. Larrabee, of Gardiner—of much interest and profit.

9 o'clock. The Moderator read the fourth chapter of Ephesians.

United in singing Hymn 858—"Planted in Christ the living vine." (*Heber.*)

Rev. Duncan McGregor, of Liverpool, N. S., led in prayer.

IN MEMORIAM.

The Recording Secretary gave the Necrology for the year. Notices may be found on subsequent pages.

Hymn 1201 was sung to their memory—"O, for the death of those."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Rev. J. Evarts Pond, of Milltown, St. Stephen, in behalf of the Committee, made the following report, which was accepted and adopted, as follows:

COMMITTEES.

Standing of Ministers.

Rev. Enoch Pond.....Bangor.	Rev. John O. Fiske.....Bath.
Rev. Stephen Thurston.....Searsport.	Rev. Sewall Tenney.....Ellsworth.
Rev. John J. Carruthers.....Portland.	

Sabbath Schools.

Rev. Stephen S. Bowler, of Machias.

Publication of Minutes.

Dea. Elnathan F. Duren, of Bangor: Rev. George S. Dickerman, of Lewiston; Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Bangor.

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MEMBERS.	RESIDENCE.	CONFERENCE.
Rev. ZENAS CROWELL,	Houlton	*Aroostook.*
Rev. FRANK E. CLARK,	Portland,	*Cumberland.*
Rev. OSGOOD W. ROGERS,	Farmington,	*Franklin.*
Rev. ALFRED L. SKINNER,	Bucksport,	*Hancock.*
Rev. HENRY F. HARDING,	Hallowell,	*Kennebec.*
Rev. LEWIS D. EVANS,	Bristol,	*Lincoln & Sagadahoc.*
Rev. SAMUEL W. PEARSON,	Andover,	*Oxford.*
Hon. J. WYMAN PHILLIPS,	Brewer Village,	*Penobscot.*
Rev. HERBERT A. LORING,	Foxcroft,	*Piscataquis.*
Rev. WEBSTER WOODBURY,	Skowhegan,	*Somerset.*
Rev. HENRY CARPENTER,	Bridgton.	*Union.*
Rev. BENJAMIN B. MERRILL,	Searsport,	*Waldo.*
Rev. GEORGE W. KELLEY,	Eastport,	*Washington.*
Rev. JOSEPH KYTE,	Buxton,	*York.*

DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Delegates to attend in person, or send a written communication.—RULE 13.

MAINE CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

May, 1878, in Farmington.

PRIMARY.	SUBSTITUTE.
Rev. O. W. ROGERS, of Farmington.	Rev. J. W. H. BAKER, of New Sharon.

EAST MAINE CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

May, 1878, in Rockland.

Rev. LEWIS GOODRICH, of Warren.	Rev. JOHN J. BLAIR, of Rockland.

MAINE BAPTIST MISSIONARY CONVENTION.

Third Tuesday in June, (18) 1878.

Rev. H. A. LORING, of Foxcroft.	Rev. F. V. NORCROSS, of Union.

FREE WILL BAPTIST YEARLY MEETING.

Third Tuesday in August, (21) 1877, ...in Burnham.

Rev. JOHN A. ROSS, of Belfast.	Rev. E. N. SMITH, of Waterville.

DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL.

October 17, 1877, 11 o'clock A. M., ...in Detroit, Mich.

PRIMARIES.	ALTERNATES.
Rev. CHAS. G. MCCULLY, of Calais.	Rev. LEVI L. PAINE, of Bangor.
Rev. WM. H. FENN, of Portland.	Hon. JOSHUA NYE, of Augusta.
Dea. HENRY F. EATON, of Milltown.	Hon. JOSEPH TITCOMB, of Kennebunk.

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By vote of Conference, [Minutes 1872, p. 9,] the sending of Delegates to State Conferences is discontinued. Any member of Conference, who may be present at either of the meetings, is authorized to represent this body. A list of State Conferences and Associations, with time and place of meeting, may be found in the Appendix.

NEXT MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

On Tuesday preceding the fourth Wednesday of June, (25) 1878, at nine o'clock A. M., with High Street Church, Auburn.

Committee of Arrangements.

Rev. ANSON P. TINKER, of Auburn; Rev. GEORGE S. DICKERMAN, of Lewiston; and Dea. J. R. LEARNED, of Auburn.

Committee to represent the Maine Branch of the American College and Education Society, and the Maine Congregational Charitable Society.

Rev. ALMON W. BURR, of Hallowell; Rev. EDWARD F. CUTTER, of Belfast.

Preacher.

Rev. WILLIAM HART, of Bath, *Primary.* | Rev. JOHN S. SEWALL, of Bangor, *Sub.*

Committee on Nominations.

Rev. OSGOOD W. ROGERS, of Franklin Conference.
Dea. SIMON PAGE, of Kennebec Conference.
Rev. CHARLES WHITTIER, of Washington Conference.
Rev. JONATHAN EDWARDS, of Penobscot Conference.
Rev. ABIEL H. WRIGHT, of Cumberland Conference.
Rev. WILLIAM A. MERRILL, of Aroostook Conference.

Treasurer, Dea. JOSEPH S. WHEELWRIGHT, of Bangor; *Auditor,* Dea. WILLIAM S. DENNETT, of Bangor.

On motion of Rev. S. L. Bowler, of Machias,

Voted, That we acknowledge, with thanks, the cordial and unanimous invitation of the church in Winthrop to meet with them the next year; but having accepted a previous invitation from the church in Auburn, must defer that pleasure.

Conference voted a recess for the anniversary of the College and Education Society.

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MAINE BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE AND EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Organized in Portland, Nov. 19, 1818.

FIFTY-NINTH ANNIVERSARY.

Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath, Vice-President, in the chair.

Rev. Levi L. Paine, of Bangor, was chosen Secretary *pro tem.*

The Report of the Treasurer, Rev. Jotham B. Sewall, of Brunswick, was read by the Secretary, and accepted.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand	$80.00	
Contributions from sixteen churches	375.04	
" from six individuals	45.00	
Bank dividends	40.00	
Draft on Parent Society	25.00	
Collection, annual meeting in Portland	17.79	
Appropriation returned	50.00	
		$632.83

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Beneficiaries	$100.00	
Paid Parent Society	415.83	
On hand to new account	117.00	
		$632.83

Some discussion was had on publishing the names of beneficiaries, the manner of appropriations, and the enforcement of the rule relating to the return of the same.

OFFICERS OF THE MAINE BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE AND EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Rev. ENOCH POND.....*President*.....Bangor.
Rev. JOHN O. FISKE.....*Vice-President*.....Bath.
Prof. JOHN S. SEWALL.....*Secretary*.....Bangor.
Prof. CHARLES H. SMITH.....*Treasurer*.....Brunswick.
CHARLES N. BATES.....*Auditor*.....Brunswick.

DIRECTORS.—President and Secretary, *ex-officiis;* Prof. ALPHEUS S. PACKARD, of Brunswick; and Dea. GEORGE A. THATCHER, of Bangor.

Adjourned.

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Conference resumed its session.

AMERICAN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

At the request of Secretary Hall, of New York, Rev. Samuel C. Fessenden, of Connecticut, presented the claims of this Society.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

District Secretary William Warren, Rev. Benjamin G. Snow, of the Micronesian Mission, and Rev. Crosby H. Wheeler, of the Harpoot Mission, Turkey, presented this important part of the work assigned by the Master to His church. As sons of Maine, the missionaries were welcomed to the Conference, and their statements and appeals cannot but result in good to the cause of Missions.

AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY.

Rev. James P. Kimball, Secretary, of Boston, spoke of the value of this organization in disseminating truth by the printed page, and as helpful in the work of evangelization.

Sung Hymn 1141—"Jesus shall reign." (*Missionary Chant.*)

THE BENEVOLENT WORK OF OUR CHURCHES.

How best maintained under present difficulties, was the topic of a discussion opened by Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath,—followed by Revs. S. P. Fay, I. P. Kimball, Benj. G. Snow, and I. P. Warren.

To have well established in our hearts the principle of benevolence; each one to give something systematically, according to their ability, and if need be with self-denial; to give as a matter of privilege and duty, and from love to Christ, and to His cause, and the salvation of souls, were among the points presented.

TEMPERANCE.

Rev. Amos Redlon, of Piscataquis Conference, presented the following resolutions, which, with Rev. Reuben D. Osgood, of York Conference as an associate, had been prepared for the consideration of Conference.

Resolved, That this Conference re-affirms its frequent annunciations of the principles of Total Abstinence from all intoxicating drinks, as a moral and christian duty, binding on all members of the church.

Resolved, That we give our most cordial sympathy to the Temperance work being done in the State by the Reform Clubs, the Woman's Crusade, and other organizations engaged in its prosecution.

Resolved, That the faithful enforcement of the Maine Prohibitory Liquor Law, by the proper officers, is a necessity of our time, and with the active moral forces engaged, gives hope of final triumph, and the extinction of the great crime and curse of intemperance.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted.

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[Rev. S. P. Fay, of Bangor, called attention to a pamphlet of sixty pages, by Clement Clemaner, entitled "Joining the Church," or "Welcomes and Counsels of a Pastor to a newly-admitted Member of a Congregational Church, given on his reception to christian fellowship." They would be furnished at cost, about $3 per hundred, by E. R. Burpee, Bangor. He also referred to a package of Tracts on Tobacco, which Dea. Stephen Sewall, of Winthrop, desired might be taken by any who would distribute them.]

Adjourned.

SERMON AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.

2:30 P. M. An appropriate organ voluntary opened the service.

United in singing Hymn 366,—"In the cross of Christ I glory." (*Rathban.*)

The 53d chapter of Isaiah was read, and prayer offered by Rev. Duncan McGregor, of the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

Sung Hymn 312,—"When I survey the wondrous cross." (*Hamburg.*)

Sermon by Rev. Almon W. Burr, of Hallowell.

TEXT,—2 Cor. 8: 9. "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich." Glimpses of Christ's glory,—of what he endured for us,—and the benefits we receive.

Prayer by the preacher.

The Moderator invited all who desired to unite in commemorating the love of Christ, to sit with us in the observance of the ordinance of the Supper.

This was administered by Rev. I. P. Warren, of Portland, and Rev. B. G. Snow, of Micronesia, with prayer and brief remarks,—assisted in the distribution of the elements, by Deas. Cyrus Balkam, of Robbinston, Henry F. Eaton, of Milltown, George A. Peabody, of Eastport, Edward Swasey, of Bucksport, George A. Thatcher, of Bangor, and Peter E. Vose, of Dennysville.

Annual collection, $24.62.

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VOTE OF THANKS.

Rev. S. P. Fay, of Bangor, with remarks, moved a vote of thanks to the pastor and people of the church with whom we have met, and to all the families in Calais, and the neighboring province, who have so hospitably received, and provided for us; to the Committee of Arrangements, for their wise and unwearied efforts; to the ladies for the abundant supply, and tasteful arrangement of flowers; to the organist, and choir for their appropriate and valuable aid in the service of song; to the sexton, and ushers; and to all who had in any way given expression by word or act to their kindness and welcome;—also to the Railroad and Steamboat Companies, for reduction of fare.

Rev. Edward F. Cutter, of Belfast, cordially seconded the motion, referring to his being present at the meeting of Conference in this place in 1856, and to the proximity of Calais to a city of another nation, yet by the christian bonds which unite us, we are one, and at peace. Neither the roar of the lion, nor the scream of the eagle have we heard, and it is to be hoped we never shall, in defiance.

The vote of thanks was unanimously passed.

Rev. Charles G. McCully, in behalf of himself and his church, and the people, expressed their satisfaction in the prospect of meeting us, and the realization of the pleasure they had anticipated. They would have been glad to have welcomed more, in this border city of the State, but were pleased that so many had endured "perils in the wilderness, and perils in the sea," to be present. Having fewer opportunities of Christian fellowship than some who reside in other portions of the State, we appreciate this occasion. Since we must part for the present, we say farewell,—and hope to see you again, before another twenty years have past. But before we part, in behalf of the ladies of the parish, we desire to meet you again this evening,—and in a more social way,—in the church rooms below, with the families and friends, with whom you have tarried.

Dea. P. E. Vose, of Dennysville, desired that the requests for prayer that God's blessing might abide with this people, might be remembered.

United in singing the Hymn of Christian Fellowship,—

"Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love."

The Moderator declared the Conference adjourned *sine die*, after Benediction by Rev. Dr. Tenney of Ellsworth.

E. F. DUREN,
Recording Secretary.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.
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A report of the meeting is published in the Christian Mirror, of June 30, July 7, 14. Briefer reports are given in the Calais, Bangor, Lewiston, and Portland papers, also in the Boston Journal, July 2, Congregationalist, July 4, and Advance, July 12.

The singing was congregational,—except in the evening sessions, when the choir gave selections, or joined with the audience. The aid of the Cornet, played by Mr. H. W. Barnard, which accompanied the Organ and Choir, was appropriate and effective.

Flowers in great abundance and tastefully arranged, with fresh renewals every day, gave great delight, and sweet fragrance.

The church edifice is a fine structure, dedicated July 30, 1873. It has a commodious,pleasant, and well ventilated audience room, with stained glass windows; convenient accommodations in the basement, which is above ground, for social meetings, and Sabbath School; with ante-rooms for committees, bible and infant classes, and library,—and conveniences for social entertainments.

On Wednesday afternoon, the Fourth annual meeting of the Maine Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions was held in the vestry. The President, Mrs. W. H. Fenn, of Portland, read a portion of Scripture; prayer by Mrs. I. P. Warren, of Portland. The report of the Treasurer, Mrs. W. H. Dana, was read by Mrs. J. E. Pond, of Milltown. Receipts for the year $3,743.84. The report of the Secretary, Miss Spofford, by Mrs. Gallison, of Machias. Mrs. B. G. Snow, of the Micronesian Mission, gave an interesting account of the Islands, of the people, and customs, and of the mission work among them. She also made some reference to the labors of Mrs. Riggs, in the Dakotah Mission.

On Thursday evening, agreeably to an invitation of the ladies of the parish, a large number gathered in the church rooms for social intercourse and acquaintance. An organ concert was given in the audience room above, by Mr. Martin Bradish, the organist, at the close of which, Coronation and Old Hundred were sung, and all repaired to the vestries again, where abundant refreshments were furnished. The Calais Band were present a part of the evening, and gave several selections.

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REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

When we gathered a year ago, in Portland, to celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Conference, we found much to encourage us in the revivals of religion which had visited our churches. A larger number of persons had been added to them during that year, than in any other recent year, and the hope was expressed that the first year of the new half century would be as prosperous as the last year had been. This hope has been much more than realized. The reports from the churches are chiefly in figures, but the figures show a large increase in numbers.

All the Conferences excepting two show a net gain; and in the whole State there has been a gain of nine hundred and twenty-seven, (927.) The churches have received twelve hundred and forty-six (1246) on profession of faith, and three hundred and seventy-six (376) by letter; making sixteen hundred and twenty-two (1622) in all.

These are the figures,—but when we try to look behind the figures, at the things they stand for, and consider how great a thing it is to lead some twelve hundred people to pass over from the service of the world to the service of Christ,—how great a change it implies in their manner of life,—in the habits of their families,—in the future of their children;—how great a change in their personal hopes, and prospects for the life to come; we have certainly cause to thank God for the abundant tokens of His favor. We have been twice blessed:—blessed in the joy of the work itself,—in the new sense of the divine presence,—the fresh evidence that He bends His ear to our prayers, and owns us as His servants:—in the renewing of our own graces, and especially, the strengthening of our faith:—and still more richly favored in seeing the work of God advance,—the children of the church owning the covenant for themselves,—families united at the family altar, and at the sacramental table,—and men of the world acknowledging the present reality and power of the religion of Christ. It is an occasion when we may borrow the words of a Song of Degrees, and say, "When the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing:

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then said they among the heathen, The Lord hath done great things for them. The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad. They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

The twenty-eight churches of YORK CONFERENCE, all furnish a fresh report, excepting one; and this promptness is due partly to the fact that the reporter has been continued for a number of years. Twenty-four are supplied with preaching. Eighteen churches have received one hundred and twenty-eight on profession of faith. Sixteen of these were added to Kennebunkport, 1st church; eleven to the South church of that place; eleven to Limington; nineteen to Lyman; fourteen to the 1st church in Wells, and eleven to the 2d church. There is a precious revival now in progress in Kittery, through the labors of the Young Men's Christian Association of Portland. Special religious interest is reported in Kennebunkport, in the 2d church of Biddeford, and in Parsonsfield. The little church in Acton, has received an important accession, and many churches report seasons of revival during the winter. There is a net gain of sixty-nine.

Every church in UNION CONFERENCE is reported, and the statistical reports are very complete. Sixteen have been added to Bridgton South, and eighteen to Waterford. Eleven of the seventeen churches are supplied with ministers. There is a net gain of fourteen in membership.

The forty-two churches of CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE report the addition of five hundred and thirty-nine members, about one-third of the whole number in the State. There has been a steady increase in the number of additions by profession of faith during the last five years. In 1873, eighty-four were received; the next year, one hundred and twenty-three; the next, one hundred and seventy-nine; the next, two hundred and seventy-seven; and this year three hundred and eighty-five. There is a net gain in membership of three hundred and thirty-six.

Extensive revivals of religion have been in progress at Yarmouth, Woodford's Corner, Portland, and Lewiston. The pastor of the 1st Church in Yarmouth writes: "The churches in this town have been blessed with a very powerful and extensive work of the Holy Spirit. Union meetings of the Baptist and two Congregational Churches were

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resumed last fall, with considerable interest. About the middle of December, these meetings were increased to *three* each week, and for several weeks the attendance, and the feeling expressed, gave evidence that God was beginning a special work among us. A few conversions occurred. About the middle of February, by invitation of the three pastors, Rev. Mr. Whittier, the evangelist, came to assist us. The Lord greatly blessed his labors. No very marked results appeared until the first Fast Day, February 22d, when there seemed to be a humbled and broken spirit, in all the churches, and a great number of inquirers appeared at once. From that time, the presence of the Spirit in power was very manifest in all the meetings. Hundreds came to the inquiry rooms after each evening meeting, and several times such meetings would occur at the close of the afternoon sermons, because many were unwilling to leave the church until they had found pardon and peace. The interest seemed very deep, and the work very thorough. Forty-nine were added to the church the first Sabbath in May," and fifty more have been received in June, making ninety and nine gathered into this fold.

The Central Church has also received a considerable addition to its membership, and it is believed that as many as two hundred and fifty persons in that town have begun the new life during the year.

The pastor of the church at Woodford's Corner writes: "Between seventy and eighty persons have been led to Christ, as we hope, during the winter. Thirty-nine have been added to our church, and a few more are to follow soon. Our union meetings began about Thanksgiving, and a few conversions occurred. In January Rev. Mr. Whittier came to help us, and under his labors there was a general revival. As one result of this work of grace, the congregation has been very much increased, and the Sabbath School as well."

The pastor at Lewiston writes: "During the spring, Union Gospel Meetings were held under the direction of Messrs. Needham and Stebbins, which have been greatly blessed as well in the reviving of members of the church, as in the conversion of sinners." Thirty-five have been added, twenty-seven of them by profession; and a large number are still to come forward.

One hundred and fifty have been added to the churches in the city of Portland, one hundred and six of them by profession. The city was pervaded by a revival of religion during the winter, which reached a large number who had not been connected with any of the congregations. The work of the evangelists, Messrs. Needham and Stebbens, has been

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blessed to the hopeful conversion of a large number; the congregations are fuller, and christians are much more ready to work for the Master.

The pastor of the High St. Church, Auburn, writes of special religious interest during most of the year, and this has been shared by the churches at Sixth st., and West Auburn. The pastor of Cape Elizabeth, reports some sixteen hopeful conversions; the Ligonia church has received an accession of thirty-six; between twenty and thirty have expressed a christian hope at South Freeport; the attendance upon public and social worship, has considerably increased. At Freeport Corner there has been a work of revival, and some have begun a new life.

There was a season of revival in Brunswick, following the week of prayer. Some fifty have been added to the churches, of whom fourteen were received by the Congregational church.

The religious interest in Bowdoin College has been well sustained. A few hopeful conversions are reported among the students. The Saturday evening meeting conducted by members of the faculty, has become an important feature in the religious work of the College. The usual religious meetings among the students have also been well sustained.

Twelve or fifteen, at West Minot, have expressed a purpose to lead a new life. There have been a few hopeful conversions at Mechanic Falls: prayer meetings are always well sustained. At the Warren church, Westbrook, a canvass of the parish has been made, and there are some tokens of progress.

The register of this Conference writes, "It is doubtful if so pervasive and thorough a quickening of the churches of this Conference has ever occurred before. While the work at Yarmouth and at Woodford's Corner, belongs to the more remarkable outpourings of the Spirit, about three-fifths of our churches confess the unusual quickening presence of the Spirit of God. This pervasive power of the revival is one of the most cheering symptoms. Another hopeful thing is the fact that the work during the year past has been a continuation of the work of last year. There has been no unaccountable breaking out of revival,—no monstrosity of excitement. Biblical preaching has been used, and the truth has been relied upon as never before in our experience. And because of this constant use of biblical truth, and the pervasive power of the revival,"—and because of the preparation in careful and self-denying parochial work, "there is the best reason to expect the continuance of this work of grace in other years."

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The churches of OXFORD CONFERENCE report the addition of fifty-two members. Rumford reports the "presence of the Holy Spirit, and a few hopeful conversions." Oxford reports a "quiet work of grace." There are many things to encourage at Gorham, N. H. The 2d Church in Norway rejoices in its new house of worship, and gives thanks for its abundant temporal and spiritual prosperity, having received thirty-two members to its communion. Four of the fifteen churches are without ministers.

The ten churches in FRANKLIN CONFERENCE reports the addition of one hundred and twenty-four members, almost twenty per cent. Ninety-seven of these were received on profession of faith. The Reporter states that the gains have been larger than for many years. One church has more than doubled its membership; it is thoroughly alive, has a pastor elect, since installed, and a hopeful future. The new pastor at Farmington has received forty-five new members, the first fruits and seals of his ministry. New Sharon has received thirty-two, and Strong eighteen. There are some clouds, but more sunshine. The revivals which began a year ago are still in progress in some parishes.

Instead of a net loss in SOMERSET CONFERENCE, as last year, there has been a gain of sixty-five; about 11 per cent., and this gain is precisely equal to the number added by profession. The church in Skowhegan, which was so richly blessed last year, has added forty-six by profession, and fifteen by letter. The Reporter for the conference does not give particulars, but remarks in general terms, that "the year has been a blessed one for our churches. The *statistics* show a fair gain, but our *actual strength*—our spiritual power—has been increased more than the figures show."

The fourteen churches in KENNEBEC CONFERENCE bring a cheerful report. "A deep religious interest has prevailed for several months in Hallowell; union meetings have been held in all the churches, resulting in a large number of hopeful conversions. The work of the Spirit has been specially manifested among the students of the Classical School, and many of them are rejoicing in hope." Quite a number have expressed a hope in Christ, in Benton, and they are expected soon to unite with the church. "Winslow reports twenty-five additions—a gain of thirty-three per cent.—the fruit of the revival of last year. But the church has been in a good, awakened, working state all winter, and some have recently expressed a hope in Christ." Richmond has

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added nine, a gain of twenty per cent." Augusta has received fourteen; Gardiner seven; Waterville sixteen; and Winthrop nine. In the whole county the gain is forty-seven.

It has been a year of general prosperity in PISCATAQUIS CONFERENCE, Nine of the ten churches are supplied with ministers. The church at Foxcroft and Dover, received a great impulse in the revival of a year ago. It has largely increased its benevolent contributions, and has expended $3,000 in improvements upon its house of worship. The Sabbath School prospers, and several of its members have become christians. Twenty-four have been added to the church. Neighborhood meetings are sustained at a number of points, by the church and pastor. The meeting house at Abbot Village, has been finished and paid for, partly by the generosity of other churches, and of the Congregational Union, the gifts amounting to $2,500, and the home subscriptions to $1,200. Fifteen members have been added to that church. The churches in Brownville, and Garland both report a few conversions. There is a net gain of forty-five in this Conference.

Nine of the sixteen churches of PENOBSCOT CONFERENCE report additions, amounting to two hundred and thirty in all, instead of seventy-eight, as last year. They show a net gain of one hundred and sixty. The three churches in the city of Bangor have received one hundred and fifty-nine members; one hundred and thirty on profession of faith. The revival began among christians. The labors of Rev. Dr. Pentecost, of Boston, were greatly blessed in the conversion of sinners, and the quickening of God's people. All the churches shared in the blessing, and all have been awakened to new earnestness in the work of Christ. The church at East Orrington has had a year of great prosperity, and has received twenty new members. The church in Dedham was much strengthened by the revival of a year ago. Twenty-three have been added to its membership; the congregations are large, and the prayer meetings are well attended. There have been a "number of hopeful conversions" at Hampden; fourteen have been added to the church at Kenduskeag; pastors have been recently called by the church in Orono, and the 1st church in Brewer.

The report from AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE is rather a "promise of good things to come," than a record of prosperous labors. The county is large enough for a small state, and is settling rapidly, but the churches are weak, and their growth is slow. A pastor has been installed at

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Patten; another has accepted a call from Sherman, who is also the acting pastor at Island Falls. Three of the other churches are supplied by licentiates, and one by a student, while five are destitute. There has been a season of religious interest at Burlington, and eight hopeful conversions. The Sabbath School is in a good condition, and the people are trying to build a church. Two have been added on profession at Caribou, and four at Houlton.

HANCOCK CONFERENCE reports fourteen churches, a gain of one. Six of these, however, are without ministers. Five have been added to the church at Bucksport, on profession of faith. There was a season of religious interest during the winter at Somesville, and five hopeful conversions. The number of removals is larger than that of additions, by fifteen.

The churches in WALDO CONFERENCE were very much strengthened by the revivals of last year. At Jackson and Brooks, sixteen have been added on profession of faith; at Frankfort, eleven; at Winterport, eleven by profession, and six by letter; and at Camden, eight. Pastors have been installed at Camden and Searsport. There is a net gain in membership of fifty-three; and on the whole, the churches are prosperous.

The twenty-two churches of LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOC CONFERENCE have had a year of prosperity, Seventeen of them have had the preaching of the gospel the whole year. Twelve report seasons of special religious interest. These are Bath (Winter St.;) Boothbay, First, and Second; Bristol; Edgecomb; New Castle, 2d; Phipsburg; Thomaston; Topsham; Union; Waldoboro, First; and Warren, Second. These revivals occurred so late in the year, that the fruits appear only in part in this report. One hundred and eleven have been received to the churches, showing a net gain of forty-three. The churches receiving the largest numbers are the Second in Boothbay, twenty-three; Edgecomb, twenty-four; Waldoboro, First, eleven; Rockland, ten; and Winter St., Bath, ten. The work at Bristol was very deep, and that church is very much strengthened. The revival in Bath pervaded the entire city; and a large number are still to be gathered into the churches. Dr. Pentecost labored with much success in connection with the pastor of that church. The Reporter also states that the Sabbath Schools are in a prosperous state, and that much progress has been made in the work of Temperance.

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The eighteen churches of WASHINGTON CONFERENCE have added twenty-one members by profession, and seventeen by letter; but the removals exceed the additions by nine. Last year and the year before, also, there was a net loss in this Conference. One church has a pastor, and have five acting pastors. Of the twelve remaining, four are supplied for the summer vacation by Theological students, while eight are destitute.

An extensive work of grace is in progress in Machias, where union meetings have been continued since the week of Prayer with increasing interest. The work began with the young people of the Sabbath Schools. It seems to be spreading more widely. "Nothing like it," the reporter states, "has been known for nearly forty years." Thirteen have been added to that church, and fifteen to the church in Calais, where there has also been a remarkable Temperance revival, which has reclaimed a large number of intemperate people.

This completes the circuit of the Conferences.

The number of churches referred to in this report, as having enjoyed seasons of special religious interest during the year is about sixty. The number that have received additions by profession of faith is one hundred and twenty-five. The number that have received additions by profession, or by letter, or both, is about one hundred and forty.

Such a report as this is very likely to give too favorable an impression of the state of religion, because the scribes are most likely to send forward the items which indicate progress. We hear of all the revivals,—the gathering of new members,—the progress of the churches in unity and in christian fidelity. But we do not hear so much of the churches which have not received a single member during the year;—and these are five-twelfths of the whole;—of those where there has been no revival,—and these are about one-half;—of those which have no preaching;—and these are nearly one-fourth of the whole number;—of those where there are only a few things that remain, and these ready to die;—and who can tell how many there are of these? It may be more profitable for us to contemplate the fields which the Lord has blessed, but we should remember that there are also great wastes in our Zion.

There are some changes in the roll of churches. We have a new church at Somesville, organized Dec. 21, 1876, with seven members. The names of two churches are dropped from the roll—Unity, which Waldo Conference decides is entirely extinct; and Carmel, which is also said by the reporter of Penobscot Conference to be extinct. I

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drop them only after careful inquiry, and in the belief that no injustice will be done by it.

This leaves the number of churches two hundred and forty-one. In these there are twenty thousand five hundred and seventy-five members, including four thousand two hundred and eighty-nine, reported as absent. Six thousand and ninety-six are males, and fourteen thousand four hundred and seventy-nine are females.

We have added this year, twelve hundred and forty-six on profession of faith, and three hundred and seventy-six by letter, making a total number added, of sixteen hundred and twenty-two.

There have been removed by death, three hundred and twenty-seven, by dismission, three hundred and forty-eight, and by discipline twenty, making the total of removals, six hundred and ninety-five, The excess of additions over removals is nine hundred and twenty-seven.

Eight hundred and thirty-six adults have been baptised; and one hundred and thirty-eight infants.

The whole number reported as members of our Sabbath Schools is twenty thousand six hundred and thirty-nine. The total of average attendance at the Sabbath Schools is twelve thousand two hundred and eighteen.

In accordance with the vote of Conference adopting the Boston Schedule, an effort has been made to secure reports of the number of families connected with our congregations. The number of congregations reporting this item is one hundrded and forty-nine, including a membership of fifteen thousand, three hundred and forty-two, which is three-fourths the membership in the State. In these, there is a total of nine thousand eight hundred and eleven families. This number indicates that there are about thirteen thousand, eighty-one families connected with the whole number of our congregations. If these families average five each, we have about sixty-five thousand, four hundred souls under our care and nurture.

The Benevolent Contributions for the whole State, amount to $36,646, This sum has been distributed as follows:

To Foreign Missions,	$12,245 00
" Home Missions,	11.700 00
" the American Congregational Union,	562 00
" American Missionary Association,	2,529 00
" Various other objects, including the Bible and Tract Societies, and some others,	9,542 00

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As respects ministers, and ministerial supply for the congregations, the facts are these;—the whole number of ordained ministers reported, is one hundred and seventy-one. Of them fifty-five are Pastors; seventy-five are Acting Pastors; and forty-one are without charge.

Fifty-six churches have Pastors; eighty-seven have Acting Pastors; thirty-eight are supplied by twelve Licentiates and twenty-two students; and sixty are destitute.

The facts in regard to individual churches are fully stated in the Statistical Tables which accompany this report.

It may not be possible to make accurate comparisons between the present year and former years. But it is safe to say in general terms, that as to contributions,—and as to the size of congregations, and the general work of our churches in Sabbath Schools and the like, the returns indicate that there has been no important change since last year.

But as respects revivals of religion, and additions to the churches,—(and these are the *vital* things,) there has been great progress. I have made out a table, (which I append to this report,) showing the additions to our churches for each of the last twenty-one years. (1)

We have to go back to the years 1858 and 1859, before we reach so encouraging a record as we have made this year. Twice during twenty-one years there has been a net loss of membership in the State:—viz., in 1861, a loss of one hundred and twenty-six, and in 1873, a loss of sixty-three. Nineteen years have shown a net gain, which ranged all the way from twenty-one, in 1872, to fourteen hundred and ninety-nine in 1859. The largest number of additions was in 1859, when there was a net gain of fourteen hundred and ninety-

(1)

Years.	Added by Profession.	Total Additions.	Net Gain.	Net Loss.
1857	461	707	114	
1858	1407	1885	996	
1859	1924	2405	1499	
1860	432	715	57	
1861	261	499	—	126
1862	589	849	209	
1863	795	1027	373	
1864	616	806	137	
1865	547	785	61	
1866	674	929	155	
1867	979	1286	581	
1868	786	1091	427	
1869	546	860	174	
1870	494	742	41	
1871	488	777	49	
1872	542	806	21	
1873	443	688	—	63
1874	641	878	133	
1875	529	813	78	
1876	859	1155	388	
1877	1946	1622	927	

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nine:—the next largest in 1858 when there was a net gain of nine hundred and ninety-six:—and the next is this year.

Let us also notice with thankfulness, that there has been a steady gain in respect to the number of additions to our churches during the last five years. In 1873, the removals exceeded the additions by sixty-three; in 1874, there was an excess of additions over removals of one hundred and thirty-three; in 1875 an excess of seventy-eight; 1876, of three hundred and eighty-eight; in 1877, of nine hundred and thirty-seven. Why may we not hope, with the blessing of God, to hold this ratio of increase, and go forward in other years, to gather larger and richer harvests for the Master?

E. H. BYINGTON.
Corresponding Secretary.

Brunswick, Me., June 22, 1877.

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STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES

For the Year ending May 6, 1877.

AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.				Church Memb., May 6, 1877.				Added during yr.			Removed dur'g year.			Bap-tisms	Sabbath Schools.		Families.	Contributions.						
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor. Act. Pas. Lic. Str't	Ordained.	Present Ministry Commenced.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profes'n.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismis'n.	Dis'pline.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Whole No. May, 1877	Average Sab. Sch.		Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Am. Cong Union.	Am. M. Associa'n	Other Objects	Total Dollars.
Burlington	1827 July 12	Collins G. Burnham	St.		1877 June 17	9	20	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	86	0	0	0	86
Caribou	1869 July 18	M. H. Mead	Lic.		1877 Mar 11	8	14	22	0	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	2	1	30	0	0	0	2	0	0	30	32
Carroll and Springfield	1846 Mar. 14	Vacant				4	12	16	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	*	0	0	0	10	1	0	50	61
Fort Fairfield	1844 Oct. 8	M. H. Mead	Lic.		1877 Mar. 11	16	27	43	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	40	0	0	0	6	5	0	0	11
Hodgdon and Linneus	1845 Sept 25	Vacant			No returns.																						
Houlton	1883 Jan. 24	Zenas Crowell	Lic.		1876 Mar. 10	5	22	27	8	4	2	6	2	0	0	2	4	0	120	0	0	5	12	0	0	0	17
Island Falls	1859 Sept 21	William A. Merrill	A. P.	1852 Oct. 27	1876 Jan.	5	7	12	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lee	1863 July 10	George W. Osgood	Lic.		1876	2	4	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	10
Lincoln	1831 Aug. 3	Vacant				4	22	26	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Passadumkeag	1845 Mar. 1	Vacant				2	6	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Patten	1840 Mar. 1	Thomas Kinney	A. P.		1876 July, 1	14	29	43	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	46	0	0	6	7	0	0	0	13
Presque Isle	1865 July 25	Vacant				6	14	20	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	6
Sherman, (Washburn Memorial ch)	1861 May 29	William A. Merrill	P. E.	1852 Oct. 27	1876 Jan.	29	52	81	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	0	0	0	12	2	0	0	14
Thirteen.		2 A. P. 3 L. 1 s. 5 v.				104	229	333	77	6	2	8	5	0	0	5	6	2	801	0	15	16	145	9	0	80	250

*Union School.

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CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.				Church members May 6, 1877.				Added during y'r			Removed dur'g year			Baptisms		Sabbath Schools.			Contributions.						
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor. Act. Pas. Lic't Stu.	Ordained.	Present Ministry Com'nced	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profess'n.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismis'n.	Discipline	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Whole No May, 1877.	Average Attend'ce	Families.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Am.Con'l Union.	Am. M. Associa'n.	Other Objects.	Total. Dollars.
Auburn, High street	1826, Feb. 8	Anson P. Tinker	P.	1873, Oct. 16	1873, Oct. 16	125	237	362	140	8	10	18	3	8	0	11	4	0	250	190	160	377	339	0	0	0	716
Auburn, Sixth street	1875, Sep. 16	Lauriston Reynolds	A. P.	1875, Sep. 16	1875, Sep. 16	18	20	38	0	2	4	6	1	0	0	1	2	0	125	75	50	0	0	0	0	0	0
Auburn, West	1844, Apr 30	Joseph S. Cogswell	A. P.	1868, Nov. 18	1875, Oct. 31	50	67	117	39	0	2	2	1	0	1	2	0	0	70	47	56	50	25	13	0	0	88
Baldwin	1821, May 16	Richard Wickett	Lic.		1877, June	1	6	7	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	40	30	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brunswick	1747, June.	Ezra H. Byington	A. P.	1859, Feb. 23	1871, Jan 17	57	192	249	70	11	3	14	4	11	0	15	10	0	267	129	200	280	148	0	0	75	503
Cape Elizabeth, First	1734, Sep. 10	Edwin A. Harlow	P.	1863, Aug 26	1871, Nov 21	9	32	41	6	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	2	1	120	75	175	12	0	0	0	13	25
Cape Elizabeth, (Ligonia)	1869, Mch 14	Vacant				46	66	112	0	36	25	61	1	15	0	16	2	0	140	100	35	8	8	0	0	0	16
Cumberland	1793, Sep. 15	Trueman S. Perry	A. P.	1873, June 18	1874, July 26	44	93	137	21	4	0	4	2	7	0	9	3	0	150	104	82	68	20	0	21	20	129
Deering, First	1765, Apr. 8	Vacant				2	11	13	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deering, Woodford's Cor.	1872, Sept. 4	William A. Bosworth	P.	1871, Oct.	1875, Nov 10	34	62	96	5	39	10	49	1	2	0	3	27	8	161	125	100	20	30	0	0	0	50
Durham	1776, Mar. 9	Prof. Richard C Stanley	Lic.		1875, July 15	9	18	27	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Falmouth, First	1754,	John C. Adams	A. P.	1851, Aug 19	1859, Feb. 13	23	96	119	15	6	0	6	3	1	0	4	5	1	98	54	0	0	580	0	0	0	580
Falmouth, Second	1830, Sept 15	William H. Haskell	A. P.	1863, Mch 17	1869, Jan. 1	25	67	92	36	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	65	55	100	27	0	0	20	0	47
Freeport	1789, Dec. 21	George Michael	A. P.	1874, Jan 31	1876, July 1	24	86	110	12	7	2	9	2	4	0	6	6	0	200	130	0	18	0	0	0	0	18
Freeport, South	1857, July 9	David L. Jones	A. P.	1876, Aug 24	1876, May 11	22	62	84	20	0	2	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	60	40	60	113	82	0	0	261	456
Gorham	1750, Apr. 4	Henry S. Huntington	P.	1866, Apr. 1	1877, June 11	72	179	251	55	57	7	64	5	4	0	9	36	1	215	125	0	173	134	0	85	374	766
Gray	1803, Oct. 2	Ebenezer Bean	A. P.	1862, Mch. 5	1877, Jan. 28	22	52	74	8	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	60	45	43	8	35	0	0	60	103
Harpswell	1753.	Elijah Kellogg	A. P.	1844, June 18	1871.	15	41	56	18	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	30	25	30	13	0	0	0	0	13
Lewiston, Pine Street	1854, Aug 8	George S. Dickerman	P.	1868, Aug. 5	1874, Mch 12	97	235	332	84	27	8	35	1	10	0	11	21	3	235	175	129	211	87	0	70	0	368
Mechanic Falls	1840, June 15	Frederick E. Emrich	A. P.	1875, Sep. 16	1874, Apr. 1	8	29	37	5	4	10	14	0	0	0	0	3	0	60	40	36	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minot Centre	1791, Sept 8	Vacant				40	71	111	49	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	45	35	23	44	21	0	23	0	88
Minot, West and Hebron	1802, Oct. 18	Vacant				11	16	27	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Gloucester	1765, Jan. 16	Jonathan G. Leavitt	P.	1870, June 27	1875, Dec. 7	80	110	190	40	8	4	12	3	1	1	5	6	0	120	90	150	800	43	0	0	45	888
North Yarmouth	1806, Sept 30	Vacant				43	51	94	18	0	2	2	0	1	2	3	0	0	70	40	78	30	25	0	15	20	90
Poland	1825, Nov. 2	Vacant				1	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Portland, Second Parish	1787, Nov 30	John J Carruthers	P.	1819, June 8	1846, Aug. 9	91	309	400	29	7	8	15	0	4	0	4	0	0	300	165	146	396	85	0	50	309	840
Portland, High Street	1831, Sept. 9	William H. Fenn	P.	1859, Feb. 20	1866, July 25	97	284	381	65	22	6	28	6	7	0	13	8	8	268	0	0	764	850	0	200	1261	3075
Portland, Fourth, (Abyssinian,)	1835, Aug. 7	[J. B. White, Baptist]			1875, April	5	15	20	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Portland, Bethel	1840, Sept 24	Francis Southworth	P.	1857, Oct. 28	1866, June 11	35	47	82	31	7	2	9	2	8	0	10	0	5	110	75	0	35	0	0	10	230	275
Portland, State Street	1852, Mar 17	Edward Y. Hincks	P.	1870, Oct 18	1870, Oct. 18	120	289	409	64	23	15	38	1	11	0	12	15	0	297	206	220	862	471	140	315	1438	3256
Portland, St. Lawrence Street	1858, Feb. 19	Abiel H. Wright	P.	1866, Nov. 1	1871, Apr. 19	85	137	222	0	24	5	29	1	2	0	3	12	0	212	180	100	66	3	0	0	0	69
Portland, West	1862, Sept 17	John F. Morgan	A. P.	1865, July 27	1874, Nov. 8	17	47	64	22	8	3	11	0	3	0	3	8	0	150	120	40	0	0	0	0	0	0
Portland, Plymouth	1869, Dec. 29	Vacant				68	181	249	95	0	0	0	4	7	0	11	0	0	250	130	0	130	52	0	80	239	501
Portland, Williston	1873, Feb. 5	Frank E. Clark	P.	1876, Oct. 19	1876, Oct. 19	25	54	79	7	15	5	20	0	4	2	6	8	1	180	150	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pownal	1811, Mar 20	Prof. R. C. Stanley	Lic.		1877, May 6	21	47	68	19	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	0	60	50	40	0	0	0	0	0	0
Scarborough	1728, June 26	John B. Wheelwright	A. P.	1851, Sept 10	1876, July 1	19	32	51	8	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	85	60	0	200	32	0	200	91	523
Standish, Evangelical	1834, Feb. 5	John P. Trowbridge	P.	1874, Sept 17	1874, Sep. 17	4	42	46	17	5	3	8	1	0	0	1	5	0	50	35	30	22	28	0	8	4	62
Westbrook, Saccarappa	1832, Jan. 17	Henry B. Mead	P.	1871, June 7	1875, Feb. 10	36	92	128	10	4	6	10	2	0	2	4	2	2	220	125	125	45	28	0	27	30	128
Westbrook, Warren Ch.	1869, Sept 30	Addison Blanchard	P.	1868, Sep. 9	1872, Dec 10	30	52	82	16	1	2	3	1	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	100	15	0	0	0	0	15
Windham	1743, Dec. 14	Luther Wiswall	P.	1837, Aug 12	1853, Oct. 1	7	38	45	12	0	1	1	2	3	0	5	0	0	45	30	33	0	25	0	0	15	40
Yarmouth, First	1730, Nov. 18	Joseph Torrey	P.	1860, May 30	1875, Mar. 3	62	144	206	24	50	6	56	6	0	0	6	39	0	225	150	170	191	129	0	83	25	395
Yarmouth, Central	1859, Apr 27	Richard W. Jenkins	A. P.	1874, Sep 15	1876, July 30	18	44	62	9	8	3	11	1	2	0	3	7	0	70	52	70	79	55	0	0	35	169
Forty-two.		17 P. 14 A. P. 2 L. 1 B. 7 v.				1618	3757	5375	1084	385	154	539	58	129	6	208	230	36	5186	3267	2611	5087	3330	153	1177	4545	14292

FRANKLIN CONFERENCE.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.				Church Memb., May 6, 1877.				Added during yr.			Removed dur'g year.			Bap-tisms		Sabbath Schools.			Contributions.						
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor. Act. Pas. Lic. Sta't	Ordained.	Present Ministry Commenced	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profess'n.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismis'n.	Dis'pline.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Whole May, 1877	Average Attend'ce	Families.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Am. Cong Union.	Am. M. Associa'n	Other Objects.	Total. Dollars.
Farmington, First	1814 Oct. 14	Osgood W. Rogers	P.	1876 June 21	1876 June 21	78	175	253	42	39	6	45	3	7	0	10	27	1	240	188	100	206	50	0	21	91	368
Farmington Falls	1859 Mar. 5	James J. Jones	P.	1877 June 19	1877 June 19	9	16	25	4	8	6	14	0	0	0	0	7	0	95	75	22	0	55	0	0	0	55
Industry	1808 July 5	W. P. Alward	S.		1877	19	22	41	15	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	50	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Sharon	1801 Feb. 11	John W. H. Baker	A. P.	1865 June 29	1874 Dec. 1	51	87	138	19	25	7	32	4	1	0	5	23	0	100	75	65	32	0	0	11	0	43
New Vineyard	1828 Sept. 3	F. G. Chester	S.		1877 June	7	8	15	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	30	18	0	0	0	0	0	0
Phillips	1822 Oct. 9	Vacant				8	12	20	12	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	*	*	*	0	0	0	10	0	10
Strong	1810 Mar. 8	J. Loring Pratt	A. P.	1867 Nov. 7	1875 July 1	35	56	91	13	14	4	18	2	3	0	5	12	0	85	65	60	0	10	0	0	15	25
Temple	1805 Sept 19	George A. Gordon	P.	1877 June 20	1877 June 20	19	41	60	14	6	1	7	2	0	0	2	0	1	80	50	50	5	60	0	0	0	65
Weld	1809 Aug 17	Sidney A. Barnaby	S.		1877 June 10	19	29	48	10	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	1	0	61	49	21	4	10	0	0	2	16
Wilton	1819 Feb. 19	Uriah W. Small	A. P.	1859 Sept. 22	1876 July 1	32	60	92	35	4	3	7	0	3	0	3	2	0	75	45	35	0	30	0	0	25	55
Ten.		3 P., 3 A. P., 3 S., 1 V.				277	506	783	170	97	27	124	14	19	0	33	72	2	826	567	371	247	215	0	42	133	637

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HANCOCK CONFERENCE.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.				Church Memb., May 6, 1877.				Added dur. year.		Removed during y'r.			Bap-tism.		Sabbath Schools.				Contributions.						
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor. Act. Pas'r Lic't Stu.	Ordained.	Present Ministry Com'nced	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profes'ion	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dism'sion Discipline	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Whole No May 1877.	Average Attend'ce	Families.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Am. Cong Union.	Am. M. Associa'n.	Other Objects.	Total Dollars.
Amherst and Aurora...	1880, Sept 14	Samuel L. Vincent.....	S.	.....	1877, May 13	8	12	15	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	25
Bluehill.....	1772, Oct. 7	Vacant.....	.....	.....	.....	33	75	108	23	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	59	0	10	0	0	0	10
Brooksville, West.....	1826, Jan. 4	Vacant.....	.....	.....	.....	32	50	82	22	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	115	70	42	0	5	0	5	0	10
Bucksport.....	1803, May 12	William Forsyth	P.	1870, Sept 15	1870, Sept 15	22	93	115	25	7	0	7	3	3	6	3	0	163	120	115	75	165	0	0	150	390
Castine.....	1820, July 27	Vacant.....	.....	.....	.....	16	72	88	18	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	70	69	0	10	25	174
Deer Isle, 1st.....	1773, Aug. 1	Hiram Houston.....	A. P.	1850, Sept 15	1868, Apr. 5	54	138	192	20	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	140	0	80	18	20	0	0	0	38
Deer Isle, 2d.....	1858, Dec. 1	Josiah T. Closson.....	A. P.	1872, June.	1875, Nov 13	18	24	37	8	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	50	0	48	0	15	0	0	0	15
Ellsworth.....	1812, Sep. 8	Vacant.....	.....	.....	.....	29	88	117	35	0	2	2	1	0	1	2	0	97	25	0	40	10	0	0	0	50
Isle au Haut.....	1857, May 7	William Denley.....	S.	.....	1877, June 17	8	4	12	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	0	47	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orland.....	1850, Sept 25	Vacant.....	.....	.....	.....	13	50	63	9	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	120	20	40	0	30	0	0	0	30
Sedgwick & Brooksville..	1798, July 8	Charles H. Taintor. ...	S.	.....	1877, June 10	12	17	29	5	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	75	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sedgwick Village.... ...	1847, Oct. 28	Vacant.....	.....	.....	.....	6	7	13	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Somesville	1876, Dec. 21	Alexander R. Plumer..	A. P.	1854, Dec 18	1875, Dec. 1	1	6	7	0	2	5	7	0	0	0	2	0	50	0	0	25	7	0	0	0	7
Tremont & Mt. Desert....	1792, Oct. 17	Alexander R. Plumer...	A. P.	1854, Dec 18	1871, Oct. 1	22	75	97	0	1	0	1	2	4	6	1	0	110	70	0	0	8	0	0	0	33
Fourteen.		1 pastor, 3 a. p., 3 s., 6 v.				264	711	975	176	9	5	14	18	11	0	29	6	2	913	440	441	228	364	0	15	175	792

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KENNEBEC CONFERENCE.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.				Church Members May 6, 1877.				Added dur'g y'r.			Removed during y'r.				Bap-tisms	Sabbath Schools.			Contributions.					
Place and Name.	Organised.	Name.	Pastor. Act. Pas. Lic. Stu.	Ordained.	Present Ministry Com'nced	Males.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Profess'n.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismis'n.	Dis'pline.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Whole No. May, 1877	Average Attend'ce	Families.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Am. Cong Union.	Am. M. Associa'n	Other Objects	Total Dollars.
Augusta	1794 Oct. 7	James H. Ecob	P.	1872 Oct. 2	1872 Oct. 2	80	223	303	55	9	5	14	6	7	0	13	9	0	295	121	145	437	399	0	88	350	1219
Benton	1858 July 16	John Dinsmore	A. P.	1852 Nov. 18	1876 Aug. 17	4	21	25	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	50	45	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clinton	1858 July 15	Vacant				2	5	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gardiner	1835 July 28	Austin L. Park	P.	1864 Feb. 2	1864 Feb. 2	40	120	160	31	5	2	7	1	0	0	1	1	0	80	65	90	48	78	0	18	20	159
Hallowell	1790 Feb. 25	Vacant				84	131	165	28	0	1	1	2	1	0	3	0	1	180	115	127	175	210	0	57	0	442
Litchfield	1811 June 6	Josiah T. Hawes	A. P.	1828 Jan. 28	1865 July 1	25	40	65	19	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	47	0	0	12	12	0	15	12	51
Monmouth	1858 May 17	Alexander Wiswall	S.		1877 June 10	13	31	44	15	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	40	0	40	0	33	0	0	0	33
Pittston	1812 Nov 17	[G. G. Winslow,] M.E.Ch.			1875 May	8	24	32	4	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	58	0	48	7	16	0	0	0	23
Richmond	1827 Feb. 8	William C. Curtis	A. P.	1868 Sept. 1	1868 Apr. 19	10	38	48	4	6	3	9	1	1	0	2	5	1	70	50	85	0	46	0	0	29	75
Sidney	1829 Feb. 25	Vacant				7	13	20	12	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vassalboro	1818 July 28	Robert Peacock, Jr.	S.		1877 June 10	8	11	14	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Waterville	1838 Aug. 21	Vacant				59	120	179	61	8	8	16	0	8	0	8	8	2	150	81	88	90	0	0	0	20	110
Winslow	1828 Aug 27	John Dinsmore	A. P.	1852 Nov 18	1862 June 10	82	74	106	22	25	0	25	2	3	0	5	18	0	112	70	50	45	35	0	13	50	143
Winthrop	1776 Sept 4	Warren F. Bickford	P.	1876 June 20	1876 June 20	52	110	162	26	9	0	9	4	0	0	4	8	0	135	90	90	20	31	0	0	0	51
Fourteen.		3 P. 3 A. P. 2 S 1 M.E. 4 V				369	961	1330	287	64	19	83	20	18	0	38	49	5	1262	642	768	834	910	0	131	481	2856

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LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOC CONFERENCE.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.				Church Memb., May 6, 1877.				Added during yr.			Removed dur'g year.			Baptisms		Sabbath Schools.			Contributions.							
Place and Name	Organized.	Name.	Pastor. Act. Pas. Lic. Stu.	Ordained.	Present Ministry Com'nced	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profes'n.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismis'n.	Dis'pline.	Total.	Adults.	Infants	Whole No May, 1877.	Average Attend'ce	Families.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Am. Cong Union.	Am. M. Assoda'n.	Other Objects.	Total.	Dollars.
Alna	1796, Sep. 27	Vacant				12	32	44	14	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0		0	0	2
Bath, Winter Street	1795, Dec. 8	John O. Fiske	P.	1843, Aug 17	1843, Aug. 17	89	242	331	79	9	1	10	18	3	0	16	6	2	250	150	180	980	426	0	0	193	1599
Bath, Central	1835, July 8	William Hart	P.	1861, Oct. 30	1870, Nov. 2	43	123	166	85	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	130	100	0	542	705	58	0	545	1843
Boothbay, First	1776, July 28	Ezra B. Pike	A. P.	1803, Sep. 16	1874, June 1	15	34	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	60	35	0	20	31	0	0	105	163
Boothbay, Second	1848, Aug. 1	Ezra B. Pike	A. P.	1863, Sep. 16	1873, June 1	25	55	80	13	23	0	23	6	3	0	9	11	0	75	45	0	0	25	0	0	0	25
Bristol	1796, Aug 17	Lewis D. Evans	A. P.	1875, June 30	1875, May 1	17	38	55	7	2	2	4	2	1	0	4	1	1	0	0	0	5	28	0	0	0	33
Bremen	1829, Mch. 3	Vacant				3	8	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Edgecomb	1783, June, 4	Henry H. Hutchinson	A. P.	1869, Aug 31	1875, Nov. 14	20	72	92	20	21	3	24	0	0	0	0	17	0	74	40	35	25	20	0	0	0	45
Lisbon	1839, Dec 18	Vacant				00	11	11	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newcastle, First	1799, June 4	Vacant				10	20	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5
Newcastle, Second	1844, May 23	William F. Obear	P.	1868, Oct. 14	1872, Oct. 16	53	126	179	28	5	0	5	1	1	0	2	5	6	115	80	90	100	39	0	0	12	151
Phipsburg	1765, July 1	Henry S. Loring	A. P.	1850, June 20	1874, Oct. 4	28	69	97	28	2	0	2	2	0	2	4	0	3	80	50	55	26	26	2	0	41	95
Rockland	1838, Mar. 8	John J. Blair	A. P.	1874, Oct. 22	1876, Nov. 5	15	94	109	25	8	7	10	8	2	0	6	3	7	130	65	70	105	56	0	5	0	166
Thomaston	1809, June 15	Javan K. Mason	P.	1849, Jan. 18	1864, Dec. 6	23	102	125	25	0	0	0	1	0	3	4	0	0	160	105	70	18	41	0	0	20	79
Topsham	1789, June 26	Nahum W. Grover	A. P.	1868, Sep. 3	1875, Dec. 1	22	61	83	25	3	1	4	2	0	0	2	3	0	62	47	65	12	12	5	0	0	34
Union	1808, Mar. 3	Flavius V. Norcross	P.	1860, Oct. 31	1860, Oct. 31	28	64	87	10	3	0	3	3	0	0	3	2	3	146	68	35	25	12	0	0	0	42
Waldoboro, First	1807, May 18	Andrew J. McLeod	P.	1870, Sep. 28	1872, Nov. 8	45	121	166	25	11	0	11	4	2	0	6	7	0	195	128	150	175	75	0	0	90	340
Woldoboro, Second	1856, Mar. 4	Vacant				5	4	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	0	0	27
Warren, Second	1828, Feb. 27	Lewis Goodrich	P.	1850, Jan. 1	1875, Nov. 3	40	107	147	85	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	150	75	100	14	30	0	0	100	144
Washington	1817, Aug 16	John J. Bulfinch	A. P.	1860, May 23	1876, June 11	4	12	16	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	70	....	60	10	505	0	0	0	0	515
Wiscasset	1778, Aug. 4	George W. Christie	A. P.	1873, Dec. 11	1876, June 1	15	51	66	14	3	2	5	2	1	0	3	0	0	90	80	....	20	20	0	0	145	185
Woolwich	1765, June 12	Henry O. Thayer	A. P.	1866, July 26	1867, Sept. 15	28	59	82	15	2	0	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	91	55	54	18	20	0	0	0	42
Twenty-two.		7 P., 9 A. P., 5 Vacant.				580	1505	2085	408	94	17	111	48	18	2	68	61	30	1858	1128	1014	2092	2098	63	36	1751	5540

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OXFORD CONFERENCE.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.				Church Memb'rs May 6, 1877.				Added dur'g y'r			Removed during y'r.			Bap-tism.		Sabb'th Schools			Contributions.						
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor. Act. Pas. Lic. Stu.	Ordained.	Present Ministry Com'nced	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profes'on	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismis'n.	Discipline	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Whole No May 1877.	Average Attend'ce	Families.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Am. Cong Union.	Am. M. Associa'n	Other Objects.	Total Dollars.
Andover	1800 Nov. 8	Samuel W. Pearson	A. P.	1870 Nov. 9	1876 May 1	35	49	84	21	2	0	2	3	2	0	5	1	0	70	45	45	18	6	0	0	0	24
Bethel, First	1799 Oct. 7	Charles L. Mills	A. P.	1838 Oct. 1	1877 Mar 15	41	74	115	28	0	0	0	3	2	0	5	0	0	75	50	0	0	47	0	0	68	115
Bethel, Second	1849 Jan. 31	David Garland	P.	1849 Aug 15	1849 Aug 15	15	37	52	24	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	75	40	25	25	20	0	37	40	122
Dixfield	1806 May 8	Vacant				2	11	13	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gilead	1818 June 20	Henry Farrar	A. P.	1867 Nov. 6	1872 July 14	5	15	20	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	9	0	0	0	9
Gorham, N. H.	1862 Mar. 18	Andrew J. Benedict.	A. P.	1875 May 25	1876 June	5	25	30	6	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	65	16	18	0	0	0	34
Norway, First	1804 Oct. 6	John G. Wilson	A. P.	1851 Dec. 12	1875 June	11	47	58	21	0	0	0	1	4	0	5	0	3	51	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	10
Norway, Second	1853 Jan. 18	Edward E. Bacon	S.		1877 April	31	72	103	23	21	11	32	1	5	0	6	20	0	150	70	0	0	40	0	0	0	40
Oxford	1826 May 31	George A. Lockwood	A. P.	1870 Nov 2	1870 June 1	19	45	64	24	4	0	4	1	0	0	1	3	0	100	65	20	17	12	2	0	0	31
Rumford	1803 May 5	John Elliot	A. P.	1831 June 28	1859 Nov. 30	9	20	29	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	10	0	20
Shelburne, N. H.	1818 Aug 26	No Returns																									
South Paris	1812 Nov. 4	Vacant				55	104	159	38	7	0	7	6	5	0	5	0	0	125	80	75	0	43	0	0	0	43
Sumner	1802 Sept. 8	John McGregor	S.		1877 June 10	20	37	57	11	4	0	4	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	13
Turner	1803 Oct. 18	Edwin S. Tingley	A. P.	1871 Feb. 1	1877 April 6	31	70	101	25	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	97	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Upton	1861 Mar 19	Vacant				3	10	13	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fifteen.		1 P., 8 A. P., 2 S., 4 V.				282	616	898	241	39	13	52	12	21	0	33	24	3	768	440	260	76	228	2	47	108	461

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PENOBSCOT CONFERENCE.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.				Church members May 6, 1877.				Added during y'r			Removed during ye'r			Baptisms		Sabbath Schools.			Contributions.						
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor Aot. Pas. Lic. Stu.	Ordained.	Present Ministry Com'nced	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismis'n.	Discipline	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Whole No May, 1877.	Average Attend'ce	Families.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Am Con'l Union.	Am. M. Associa'n.	Other Objects.	Total.	Dollars.
Bangor, First Church	1811, Nov. 7	{ Prof. Wm. M. Barbour { Prof. John S. Sewall.	A. P. A. P.	1861, Oct. 2 1859, Apr. 20	1875, Apr. 1 1875, Sept.	70	172	242	45	21	12	33	3	3	0	6	9	0	200	107	160	100	207	0	80	396	782
" Hammond Street	1833, Dec. 5	Solomon P. Fay	P.	1849, Sep. 6	1866, Nov. 8	116	275	391	65	58	10	68	5	12	0	17	36	5	325	175	250	380	230	0	70	601	1281
" Central	1847, Apr. 1	George W. Field	P.	1853, Nov. 15	1864, Mar 29	105	197	302	45	51	7	58	4	4	0	8	24	0	460	275	175	300	335	0	72	588	1295
Brewer, First	1800, Sep. 9	Clarence A. Beckwith	Lic.			39	102	141	43	0	0	0	2	3	0	5	2	0	167	100	75	54	73	0	105	42	274
" Village	1843, Jan. 18	Vacant				14	43	57	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	110	70	45	18	0	0	0	0	18
Dedham	1841, Dec. 13	Leonard B. Tenney	Stu.		1877, July 8	25	40	65	19	23	0	23	0	0	0	0	17	0	60	50	19	0	24	5	0	0	29
Dixmont and Plymouth	1861, Sep. 10	Vacant				1	4	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*40	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hampden	1817, May 6	James H. Crosby	Lic.		1876, Nov.	18	67	85	20	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	115	60	40	42	35	0	0	55	132
Holden	1828, Nov 11	Leonard B. Tenney	Stu.		1877, July 8	26	46	72	17	7	0	7	2	7	5	14	6	0	100	65	75	0	6	0	0	13	19
Kenduskeag	1834, Dec 23	J. J. Banks	Lic.		1876, May 18	18	40	58	19	13	1	14	1	1	0	2	11	0	84	61	30	0	0	0	0	22	22
Oldtown	1834, Sept 24	Lewis G. Thomas	Stu.		1877, June 10	11	47	58	25	4	2	6	2	0	0	2	3	6	50	40	25	0	20	0	0	0	20
Orono	1826, May 18	Alfred J. McGown	P.	1877, July 3	1877, July 3	34	113	147	39	0	0	0	3	2	0	5	0	0	140	78	38	27	20	0	0	0	47
Orrington, East	1834, June 12	Jonathan Edwards	P.	1876, June 15	1876, June 15	30	56	86	16	17	3	20	0	0	0	0	8	0	90	46	55	0	14	0	3	0	17
Upper Stillwater	1859, Oct. 6	Alfred J. McGown	A. P.	1877, July 3	1877, May.	2	14	16	6	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	20	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
Veazie	1838, June 19	Vacant				14	28	42	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*50	30	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fifteen.		4 P. 2 A. P. 3 Lic. 2 S. 3 v				523	1244	1767	402	195	35	230	22	35	5	62	105	11	2028	1207	1007	921	964	5	330	1716	3936

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PISCATAQUIS CONFERENCE.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.				Church Memb'rs May 6, 1877.				Added dur'g y'r.			Removed during y'r			Bap-tism.	Sabb'th Schools			Contributions.						
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor. Act. Pas. Lic. Stu.	Ordained.	Present Ministry Com'ced.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profess'on	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismiss'n.	Dis'pline	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Whole No May, 1877	Average Attend'ce.	Families.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Am. Cong Union.	Am. M. Associa'n	Other Objects.	Total Dollars.
Abbot Village	1875 Nov. 23	Amos Redlon	A. P.	1842 July 7	1875 July	12	18	30	8	15	0	15	0	0	0	0	15	0	76	55	28	1	30	0	0	0	31
Atkinson	1842 Mar. 2	Vacant				1	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanchard	1833 Mar 13	Rufus W. Emerson	A. P.	1856 May 28	1877 April 1	23	28	50	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	40	16	0	25	0	10	3	38
Brownville	1819 Aug 24	Charles L. Nichols	P.	1861 Nov. 7	1872 Feb. 20	55	106	161	20	10	1	11	2	1	0	3	7	0	87	57	75	50	21	0	107	4	182
Dexter	1834 July 22	Jehiel S. Richards, Jr.	P.	1877 June 23	1876 June	13	33	51	13	2	6	8	0	2	0	2	2	0	40	30	20	15	32	0	0	30	77
Foxcroft and Dover	1832 Dec. 30	Herbert A. Loring	P.	1875 June 10	1875 June 10	66	162	228	41	18	6	24	1	2	0	3	16	4	150	125	110	225	67	210	15	21	538
Garland	1810 Mar. 1	Peter B. Thayer	P.	1848 Dec. 12	1848 Dec. 12	35	59	94	15	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	1	1	80	60	35	5	50	0	10	0	65
Greenville	1869 Dec. 5	Charles Davison	A. P.	1873 Oct. 21	1873 Dec. 21	14	32	46	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	55	51	98	34	0	0	50	182
Monson	1821 Aug 11	Amory H. Tyler	A. P.	1854 June 1	1870 July	46	61	107	29	1	0	1	2	2	0	4	0	0	100	65	40	20	16	0	20	0	56
Sangerville	1828 Aug 28	Rufus W. Emerson	A. P.	1856 May 28	1871 May 1	2	8	10	3	0	0	0	0	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4
Ten.		4 P., 4 A. P., 1 V.				266	515	781	158	48	15	63	5	13	0	18	41	5	663	487	375	414	792	210	162	108	1178

SOMERSET CONFERENCE.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.				Church Memb's May 6, 1877.				Added dur'g y'r			Removed during y'r			Bap-tism.	Sab'ath Schools			Contributions.						
Place and Name.	Organized	Name.	Pastor. Act. Pas. Lic. Stu.	Ordained.	Present Ministry Com'ced.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profess'on	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismiss'n.	Dis'pline	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Whole No May, 1877	Average Attan'ce.	Families.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Am. Con. Union.	Am. Am. Associ'n	Other Objects.	Total Dollars.
Anson	1840 Apr 19	Vacant				15	31	46	25	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	5	0	15
Athens	1867 June 6	Vacant				12	27	39	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	75	0	8	5	0	0	0	13
Bingham	1805 July 24	Albert H. Thompson	Lic.		1877 April 1	23	30	53	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	100	80	70	50	0	0	0	0	50
Madison	1826 Apr 25	Thomas G. Mitchell	A. P.	1846 Nov. 18	1851 Nov. 16	30	45	75	18	5	2	7	0	2	0	2	4	2	70	43	30	5	45	0	0	0	50
Madison, East	1858 Mar 24	W. Gleason Shoppe	S.		1877 June 10	6	12	18	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	31	0	0	0	0	31
Mercer	1824 Oct. 30	John V. D. Shurts	S.		1876 June 11	12	26	38	9	10	6	16	0	2	0	2	7	0	75	40	50	0	40	0	0	0	40
New Portland	1869 May 27	H. Reynolds	Lic.		1875 June 1	4	9	13	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
Norridgewock	1797 Sept 22	Benjamin Tappan	P.	1838 Aug. 8	1858 Oct. 27	34	80	114	44	3	0	3	1	2	0	3	3	0	152	80	60	186	50	0	40	31	307
Skowhegan	1860 Nov. 1	Webster Woodbury	A. P.	1868 Sept. 9	1870 April 1	63	142	205	42	46	15	61	8	3	0	11	42	0	240	140	156	78	98	0	30	0	206
Solon	1842 Jan 25	Ezra N. Smith	A. P.	1872 June 12	1872 June 12	8	12	20	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	60	50	24	5	0	0	0	5	10
Solon, South	1806 Sept 30	Vacant				2	6	8	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St. Albans	1830 June 18	William S. Sewall	A. P.	1839 Sept 25	1864 June 10	5	13	18	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	0	30	15	0	0	0	1	16
Twelve.		1 P. 4 A. P. 2 L. 2 S. 3 V.				214	433	647	157	65	24	89	12	12	0	24	56	2	972	508	420	388	245	0	75	37	740

UNION CONFERENCE.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.				Church members May 6, 1877.				Added during y'r			Removed during ye'r			Bap-tisms		Sabbath Schools.			Contributions.						
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor Act. Pas. Lic. Stu.	Ordained.	Present Ministry Com'nced	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profe'sion	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismis'n.	Discipline	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Whole No May, 1877.	Average Attend'ee	Families.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Am Con'l Union.	Am. M. Associa'n.	Other Objects.	Total. Dollars.
Albany	1803, Sep. 15	George W. Bird	S.		1877, May 20	14	33	47	18	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	60	50	32	26	26	0	0	0	52
Bridgton	1784, Aug. 26	Henry Carpenter	A. P.	1864, Dec. 18	1876, Mar. 1	39	95	134	25	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	110	75	0	9	19	0	0	0	28
Bridgton, North	1832, Nov. 15	Nehemiah Lincoln	P.	1872, May 15	1871, Oct 27	13	40	53	8	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	65	41	52	6	11	0	6	3	26
Bridgton, South	1829, Dec. 30	John W. Brownville	P.	1873, Dec. 18	1873, Dec. 18	31	55	86	17	11	5	16	1	0	0	1	11	3	90	66	50	45	0	0	0	0	45
Brownfield	1804, Oct. 1	Ebenezer S. Jordan	A. P.	1857, Dec 17	1874, Mar 20	14	27	41	8	2	0	2	1	2	0	3	1	0	75	60	44	0	28	0	0	0	28
Casco	1864, Sep. 19	Vacant				9	9	18	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	40	40	0	0	0	0	0	0
Denmark	1829, July 5	Vacant				8	34	42	11	3	0	3	1	2	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fryeburg	1775, Aug 21	Vacant				53	111	164	47	0	0	0	6	2	0	8	0	0	110	75	75	32	405	8	8	11	464
Harrison	1826, Feb. 15	Nehemiah Lincoln	P.	1872, May 15	1871, Oct. 27	20	30	50	16	3	1	4	0	1	0	1	2	0	65	48	28	0	7	0	0	0	7
Hiram	1826, Oct. 26	Albert Cole	A. P.	1847, Mar. 25	1874, Oct. 1	2	16	18	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	50	35	35	0	6	0	0	0	6
Lovell	1798, Oct. 6	Josiah P Stinchfield	A. P.		1875, May 30	42	87	129	30	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	60	50	20	0	13	0	0	0	13
Naples	1858, Aug 10	Vacant				6	20	26	8	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	50	40	45	0	5	0	50	0	55
Otisfield	1797, Nov 21	Vacant				24	37	61	8	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	50	40	0	5	0	0	8	0	13
Stow & (Chatham N. H.)	1861, Oct. 21	J. H. Leavitt	Lic.		1874, Apr. 1	16	26	42	17	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	35	20	21	0	7	4	0	0	11
Sweden	1817, Nov. 4	Vacant				17	25	42	6	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	40	0	0	0	16	0	9	0	25
Waterford	1799, Oct. 2	John A. Douglass	P.	1821, Nov. 7	1821, Nov. 7	36	68	104	29	16	2	18	6	1	0	7	16	1	75	50	40	215	2	0	137	26	380
		Henry H. Osgood	A. P.	1875, Sep. 3	1877, May 1																						
Waterford, North	1865, June 20	Henry H. Osgood	A. P.	1875, Sep 3	1877, May,	21	48	69	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	40	30	0	0	0	0	4	4
Seventeen.		3. P. 5 A. P. 1 L. 1 S. 6 va.				365	761	1126	267	42	9	51	23	14	0	37	38	6	1035	730	512	338	545	12	218	44	1157

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WALDO CONFERENCE.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.				Church Memb., May 6, 1877.				Added during yr			Removed dur'g year.			Bap-tisms		Sabbath Schools.			Contributions.						
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor. Act. Pas. Lic. Stn't	Ordained.	Present Ministry Com'nced	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profess'n.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismis'n.	Dis'pline.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Whole No May, 1877	Average Attend'ce	Families.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Am. Cong Union.	Am. M. Associa'n	Other Objects.	Total. Dollars.
Belfast	1796 Dec. 29	John A. Ross	P.	1854 June 1	1873 Sept. 14	25	79	104	19	1	2	3	1	0	0	1	0	2	78	63	114	132	152	33	9	69	395
Belfast, North	1846 Sept 24	Vacant				6	10	16	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Camden, Elm St	1806 Sept 11	Wellington R. Cross	P.	1865 Sept. 7	1876 Nov. 18	35	93	128	29	8	0	8	2	0	0	2	8	0	130	0	0	0	62	0	0	63	125
Frankfort	1851 Nov 18	Gustavus W. Jones	A. P.	1869 May 27	1876, Oct. 1	4	27	31	2	11	0	11	2	0	0	2	10	0	70	50	24	0	25	0	0	0	25
Freedom	1858 Apr. 14	Bernard Copping	S.		1877 June 17	11	27	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	97	0	0	0	97
Jackson and Brooks	1812 Oct. 6	Albert N. Jones	P.	1872 Feb. 8	1871 June 1	24	55	79	21	16	0	16	2	2	0	4	8	2	110	90	67	7	28	0	0	0	35
Rockport	1854 June 12	Thomas M. Davies	A. P.	1869 Mar. 14	1875 Nov. 28	15	42	57	9	2	1	3	0	1	0	1	0	1	61	53	38	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sandy Point	1839 Oct. 16	Vacant				30	46	76	0	2	0	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	80	60	52	22	10	32	0	0	64
Searsport, First	1815 Oct. 4	Benjamin B. Merrill	P.	1876 Nov. 9	1876 Nov. 9	56	126	182	0	1	7	8	2	1	0	3	0	3	130	90	0	51	225	24	25	0	325
Searsport, Second	1855 Sept 19	Vacant				6	33	39	7	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	55	45	25	0	17	0	0	9	26
Winterport	1820 Sept 17	Gustavus W. Jones	P.	1869 May 27	1875, June 1	8	56	64	20	11	6	17	1	0	0	1	6	0	58	45	62	5	0	0	23	15	43
Eleven.		5 P. 1 A. P. 1 S. 3 V.				220	594	814	115	53	16	69	11	5	0	16	33	10	772	496	382	217	616	89	57	156	1135

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WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.				Church Members May 6, 1877.				Added dur'g y'r.			Removed during y'r.				Bap-tisms	Sabbath Schools.			Contributions.						
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor. Act. Pas. Lic. Stu.	Ordained.	Present Ministry Com'nced	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profess'n.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismis'n.	Discipline.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Whole No. May, 1877	Average Attend'ce	Families.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Am. Cong Union.	Am. M. Associa'n	Other Objects	Total Dollars.
Calais	1825 Aug. 17	Charles G. McCully	A. P.	1860 July 17	1876 Feb. 20	44	134	178	80	2	13	15	3	2	0	5	2	3	200	140	125	149	50	0	22	42	263
Cherryfield	1833 Oct. 20	Vacant				No returns.																				
Cooper	1826 Feb. 22	Vacant				2	9	11	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	30	16	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dennysville	1805 Oct. 27	Charles Whittier	P.	1860 Nov. 18	1860 Nov 13	30	56	86	31	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	1	2	90	60	62	89	28	0	31	0	98
Eastport, Central	1819 Feb. 7	George W. Kelley	A. P.	1872 Dec. 28	1877 Apr. 16	17	72	89	25	6	0	6	4	2	0	6	3	0	45	40	25	0	0	0	0	0	0
Machias, Centre Street	1782 Sept 12	Stephen L. Bowler	A. P.	1858 Jan. 5	1874 Dec. 1	55	166	221	70	12	1	13	4	2	0	6	9	0	*583	*413	130	177	141	0	28	0	346
Machias, East	1826 June 8	Elijah J. Roke	A. P.	1867 June 6	1877 Feb. 11	26	83	108	27	0	0	0	4	3	0	7	0	0	160	0	0	60	43	0	0	17	120
Machiasport	1831 Jan. 25	Vacant				No returns.																				
Marshfield	1871 Sept 14	Charles A. Perry	S.		1877 June 10	15	29	44	5	0	0	0	2	3	0	5	0	0	60	45	43	0	42	0	40	2	84
Milltown, St. Stephen N B	1846 Oct. 21	Jeremiah Evarts Pond	A. P.	1858 Jan. 21	1876 Dec. 1	29	92	121	17	0	8	8	0	2	0	2	0	0	225	180	48	220	57	0	0	0	277
Northfield	1836 Sept. 15	Vacant				8	15	23	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	40	0	1	0	41
Pembroke	1835 Sept 30	Vacant				2	11	13	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Perry	1822 Oct. 7	Vacant				12	35	47	18	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Princeton	1858 Dec. 2	Vacant				20	22	42	11	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	0	100	70	33	0	85	0	0	0	85
Robbinston	1811 Nov. 24	L. W. Walters	S.		1876	26	61	87	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	30	60	10	92	0	0	0	102
Topsfield	1861 Nov. 6	Vacant				10	20	30	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whiting	1833 Nov. 9	Thomas .P Williams	S.		1877 June 10	6	22	28	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	55	28	0	57	0	0	0	57
Whitneyville	1836 Dec. 7	Charles A. Perry	S.		1877 June 10	21	28	49	10	0	0	0	1	4	0	5	0	0	90	63	0	0	70	0	0	0	70
Eighteen.		1 P., 5 A. P., 3 S., 8 V.				323	854	1177	395	21	17	38	24	28	0	47	15	5	1769	1128	565	655	705	0	122	61	1543

*Including 3 Mission Schools—205 Members, Average attendance, 163

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CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.				Church Memb., May 6, 1877.				Added during yr.			Removed dur'g year.			Bap-tisms	Sabbath Schools.			Contributions.						
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor. Act. Pas. Lic. Stu.	Ordained.	Present Ministry Com'nced	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profes'n.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismis'n.	Dis'pline.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Whole No May, 1877.	Average Attend'ce	Families.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Am. Cong Union.	Am. M. Associa'n	Other Objects.	Total Dollars.
Acton	1781, Sept 18	William S. Thompson	A. P.	1860, Oct. 17	1869, Jan. 1	21	39	60	12	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	70	45	34	20	40	0	0	0	60
Alfred	1791, Sep. 8	Benjamin P. Snow	A. P.	1870, May 10	1875, July 1	21	53	74	24	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	81	47	50	30	27	0	15	35	107
Biddeford, First	1730, Apr. 30	Vacant				18	39	58	9	2	1	3	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	56	0	0	0	56
Biddeford, Second	1805, Mar. 1	George R. Merrill	P.	1867, Jan. 2	1877, Jan. 2	80	226	306	38	2	2	4	5	8	2	15	1	3	300	150	200	70	217	11	0	0	298
Biddeford, Pavilion	1857, Oct. 20	Edward Chase	A. P.	1863, June 8	1876, Nov. 19	50	158	208	45	3	1	4	0	2	0	2	1	0	150	100	0	75	0	0	0	50	125
Buxton, South	1763, Mar. 6	Joseph Kyte	A. P.	1862, Sep. 25	1875, May 1	35	82	117	22	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	1	60	40	150	0	15	0	0	0	15
Buxton Center, North	1763, Mar. 6	Joseph Kyte	A. P.	1862, Sep. 25	1875, May, 1	13	43	56	13	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	25	13	0	7	0	0	0	7
Cornish	1840, Sep. 16	Albert Cole	A. P.	1847, Mar 25	1858, July 4	22	44	66	14	7	1	8	0	3	0	3	6	0	0	0	10	12	8	0	10	40	
Elliot	1721, June 22	David W. Goodale	S.		1877, July 1	No returns.																					
Kennebunk, Union	1826, Aug 15	Leonard Z. Ferris	A. P.	1865, Nov 30	1877, May, 1	19	62	81	22	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	0	60	50	48	0	112	0	0	0	112
Kennebunkport, First	1730, Nov.	Charles H. Gates	A. P.	1851, Nov. 14	1874, Feb. 1	29	57	86	16	16	0	16	3	0	0	3	15	0	75	55	42	0	112	0	0	8	20	140
Kennebunkport, South	1838, Jan. 10	Charles H. Gates	A. P.	1851, Nov 14	1874, Feb. 1	19	49	68	14	11	0	11	0	0	2	2	8	0	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	40
Kittery	1714, Nov. 4	John P. Jones	S.		1876, July 11	9	34	43	15	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	0	75	45	29	5	15	0	0	0	20
Lebanon	1765, June 26	Charles N. Sinnett	P.	1875, May 31	1874, Juue.	15	25	40	10	4	0	4	2	0	0	2	2	1	45	0	0	30	25	0	0	5	60
Limerick	1795, July 5	Vacant				26	44	70	19	5	1	6	3	1	0	4	4	1	50	30	40	0	13	0	0	0	13
Limington	1789, Oct. 11	Reuben D Osgood	P.	1871, Oct. 24	1875, Nov. 16	37	76	113	26	11	0	11	1	2	0	3	9	0	88	75	0	38	35	0	37	0	110
Lyman	1801, Dec. 2	George F. Tewksbury	A. P.	1838, Jan. 31	1876, June 1	35	64	99	21	19	0	19	3	0	1	4	18	3	90	60	0	20	0	0	0	5	25
Newfield, West	1801, July 1	Joseph A. Kellogg	Lic.		1877, May 17	17	35	52	14	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	51	35	0	0	24	0	0	0	24
Parsonsfield	1795, Jan. 7	Vacant				2	3	5	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	0
Saco	1762, Oct. 13	John L. Blades	A. P.	1876, Nov. 22	1877, Jan. 14	54	150	204		9	6	15	5	4	0	9	4	4	150	108	185	63	78	0	0	211	347
Sanford	1786, July 19	Thomas N. Lord	A. P.	1837, Aug 10	1875, Oct. 7	14	31	45	16	3	2	5	1	0	0	1	3	0	40	35	30	0	17	0	0	0	17
Sanford, South	1786, July 19	Thomas N. Lord	A. P.	1837, Aug 10	1876.	7	22	29	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	25	30	0	5	0	0	0	5
Shapleigh	1823, Oct. 23	Vacant				2	3	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Berwick	1702, June 4	George Lewis	P.	1865, Dec 13	1874, Jan. 15	20	94	114	20	2	1	3	2	3	2	7	1	1	100	80	75	175	100	0	5	148	428
Wells, First	1701, Oct. 29	Woodbury S. Kimball	A. P.	1867, Sep. 3	1875, Nov. 1	53	96	149	27	14	3	17	2	0	0	2	11	0	125	80	0	62	65	0	64	91	282
Wells, Second	1831, Aug 23	Benjamin Southworth	A. P.	1858, Feb. 24	1870, Oct. 1	51	84	135	8	11	1	12	3	0	0	3	10	0	125	100	70	58	32	0	28	26	144
York, First	1672, Dec. 3	David B. Sewall	A. P.	1842, Jan. 19	1873, Dec. 1	21	83	104	20	5	0	5	1	1	0	2	4	0	94	0	61	66	34	0	22	6	128
York, Second	1732,	Joseph Freeman	A. P.	1844, Mar. 10	1869, Aug. 1	12	37	49	12	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	3	62	0	0	15	20	0	6	0	41
Twenty-eight.	**17 Churches.**	**4 P., 13 A. P., 1 L. 2 S. 4 V**				703	1733	2436	446	128	23	151	45	30	7	82	100	19	1986	1185	1070	737	1050	19	185	647	2644

SUMMARY.

CONFERENCES.	MINISTERS.						CHURCHES.					Church Members, May 6, 1877.				Added dur'g year.			Removed during year.			Baptism.		Sabbath Schools.			Contributions.					
Name.	Date of Organiz'n	Whole Number.	Pastors.	Act. Pas.	Without Charge.	Licentiates.	Stu. with charge.	Whole No	Churches with Pas.	Churches with A.P.	With Lic. or Stud'ts	Vac. Ch.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dism'sion	Discipline	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Whole No May, 1877.	Average Attend'c e	Families.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Am. Cong Union.	Am. M. Associa'n.	Other Objects.	Total Dollars.
Aroostook	1846	4	0	2	2	3	1	13	0	3	5	5	104	229	333	77	6	2	8	5	0	0	5	6	2	601	0	15	16	145	9	0	80	250
Cumberland	1822	42	17	14	11	4	0	42	17	15	3	7	1618	3757	5375	1084	385	154	539	68	129	6	203	230	36	5186	3267	2611	5087	3330	153	1177	4545	14292
Franklin	1839	10	3	3	4	0	3	10	3	3	3	1	277	506	783	170	97	27	124	14	19	0	33	72	2	826	567	371	247	215	0	42	133	637
Hancock	1825	7	1	3	3	0	3	14	1	4	3	6	264	711	975	176	9	5	14	18	11	0	29	6	2	913	440	441	228	364	0	15	175	782
Kennebec	1823	10	3	3	4	0	2	14	3	5	2	4	369	961	1330	287	64	19	83	20	18	0	38	49	5	1262	642	768	884	910	0	131	481	2356
Lincoln & Sagadahoc	1825	18	7	9	2	0	0	22	7	10	0	5	530	1505	2035	403	94	17	111	48	18	2	68	61	30	1858	1123	1014	2092	2098	62	36	1251	5540
Oxford	1824	10	1	8	1	0	2	15	1	8	2	4	282	616	898	241	39	13	52	12	21	0	33	24	3	768	440	260	76	228	2	47	108	461
Penobscot	1825	10	4	2	4	3	2	15	4	2	6	3	523	1244	1767	402	195	35	230	22	35	5	62	105	11	2028	1207	1007	921	904	5	330	1716	3986
Piscataquis	1842	9	4	4	1	1	0	10	4	5	0	1	266	515	781	158	48	15	63	5	13	0	18	41	5	663	487	375	414	279	210	162	108	1173
Somerset	1823	6	1	4	1	2	2	12	1	4	4	3	214	433	647	157	65	24	89	12	12	0	24	56	2	972	508	420	383	245	0	75	37	740
Union	1836	9	3	5	1	1	1	17	4	5	2	6	365	761	1126	267	42	9	51	23	14	0	37	38	6	1035	780	512	388	545	12	218	44	1157
Waldo	1848	9	5	1	3	0	1	11	5	2	1	3	220	594	814	115	53	16	69	11	5	0	16	33	10	772	496	382	217	616	89	57	156	1135
Washington	1829	7	1	5	1	0	3	18	1	5	4	8	323	854	1177	295	21	17	38	24	23	0	47	15	5	1709	1126	565	655	705	0	122	61	1543
York	1822	20	4	13	3	2	2	28	4	17	3	4	703	1733	2436	446	128	23	151	45	30	7	82	100	19	1986	1185	1070	737	1056	19	185	647	2644
		171	54	76	41	16	22	241	55	88	38	60	6058	14419	20477	4278	1246	376	1622	327	348	20	695	836	138	20639	12218	9811	12245	11700	562	2597	9542	36646
Five Churches not reported (estimated)													38	60	98	11																	
													6096	14479	20575	4289																	

CHURCHES.—With Pastors, 55; with Acting Pastors 88, including two in care of ministers of other denominations; supplied by Licentiates, or Theological Students, 38; Vacant, 60. Total, (including Chatham, Gorham and Shelburne, N. H., and Milltown, N. B.) 241, a loss of one.

MINISTERS.—Pastors, 54; Acting Pastors, 76, in charge of 86 churches; others, 41. Total, 171. Licentiates, 16.

CHURCH MEMBERS.—Males, 6096; Females, 14479; Total, 20575, including 4289 absent; gain above the total given last year, 783.

ADDITIONS, for the year ending with the first Sabbath in May, 1877; by profession 1246; by letter, 376; total additions 1622.

REMOVALS, for the same time by death, 327; by dismission, 348; by discipline, 20; total, 695. Excess of additions over removals, 927. Discrepancy between this number and the total given in the tables, 144.

BAPTISMS.—Adults, 836; infants, 138.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Total, 20639; gain 36. Average attendance, 12218.

FAMILIES.—One hundred and forty-nine churches, (including three-quarters the membership in the State) report 9811 families, indicating a total of 13081 families.

BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.—Foreign Missions $12245; Home Missions, $11700; Congregational Union, $562: American Missionary Association, $2597; Other objects, 9542; total, $36646; gain, $314.

CHANGES.—One new church, at Somesville; two churches dropped, Carmel and Unity.

CHANGES IN MINISTERS.—Pastors dismissed, 9; died, 1; total, 10. Pastors ordained and installed, 5; installed, 2; total, 7. Ordained without installation, 1.

ORGANIZATION.—Fourteen Conferences, including 241 churches; united in the State Conference.

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MINISTERS WITHOUT PASTORAL CHARGE.

Jacob Abbott	Farmington	Ordained	1834, September	18
Jonathan E. Adams	Bangor	"	1859, October	19
Thomas Adams	Winslow	"	1818, August	26
Silas Baker	Standish	"	1832, March	7
Ernest F. Borchers	Portland	"	1869, January	14
Thomas E. Brastow	Rockland	"	1865, October	11
Jonas Burnham	Farmington	"	1858, July	28
Almon W. Burr	Hallowell	"	1875, July	27
Calvin Chapman	Kennebunk Port	"	1842, December	8
Ephraim C. Cummings	Portland	"	1858, March	17
David Q. Cushman	Bath	"	1838, February	7
Edward F. Cutter	Belfast	"	1833, May	8
Walter E. Darling	Kennebunk	"	1862, May	20
Samuel L. Gould	Bethel	"	1839, October	23
Henry F. Harding	Hallowell	"	1855, October	17
Henry B. Hart	Holden	"	1869, December	21
George W. Hathaway	Skowhegan	"	1833, March	20
L. Ives Hoadley	Milltown	"	1823, October	15
Horatio Ilsley	South Freeport	"	1837, October	26
Alfred E. Ives	Castine	"	1838, September	25
Marcus R. Keep	Dalton	"	1847, January	4
Elbridge Knight	Fort Fairfield	"	1843, September	13
John K. Lincoln	Bangor	"	1862, September	20
Amasa Loring	Foxcroft	"	1842, January	15
George S. Osborn	South Sanford	"	1836, December	18
Edward R. Osgood	Bluehill	"	1871, October	24
Prof. Alpheus S. Packard	Brunswick	"	1850, May	16
Prof. Levi L. Paine	Bangor	"	1861, October	9
Wooster Parker	Belfast	"	1832, September	29
John Parsons	Kennebunk	"	1857, May	14
William Pierce	West Buxton	"	1836, August	7
Prof. Enoch Pond	Bangor	"	1815, March	1
Daniel F. Potter	Brunswick	"	1852, October	25
Henry Richardson	Gilead	"	1831, November	23
Prof. John S. Sewall	Bangor	"	1859, April	20
Alfred L. Skinner	Bucksport	"	1854, January	27
Joseph Smith	Orland	"	1842, November	10
Henry G. Storer	Oak Hill	"	1850, March	30
Prof. Daniel Smith Talcott	Bangor	"	1836, December	7
Daniel D. Tappan	Weld	"	1826, November	14
Sewall Tenney	Ellsworth	"	1831, August	10
James B. Thornton	Scarboro	"	1851, June	4
Stephen Thurston	Searsport	"	1826, August	9
Stephen Titcomb	Farmington	"	1855, June	6
Henry M. Vaill	Cape Elizabeth	"	1861, August	14
Israel P. Warren	Portland	"	1842, April	20
William Warren	Gorham	"	1840, February	13
John G. Wilson	Portland	"	1851, December	12

LICENTIATES NOT IN CHARGE OF CHURCHES.

Prof. Henry L. Chapman	Brunswick
John Hemenway	Brighton.
Prof. Thomas H. Rich	Lewiston.
Jotham Sewall	York.
Prof. Richard C. Stanley	Lewiston.

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COUNTY CONFERENCES.

[In view of the desire expressed that there should be an omission this year, of many items published heretofore in connection with the several Conferences, the Publishing Committee have with few exceptions, made no reference here to Sabbath School Conventions and Anniversaries; Bible Societies and Anniversaries; Temperance Organizations and Conventions; Missionary organizations and meetings; Young Men's Christian Associations; reports of former pastors; incidents connected with the churches, and other matters which might furnish material for history. They have also abridged elsewhere the notice of Bangor Seminary, Bowdoin College, Classical School, Woman's Board, and Congregational Societies, and omitted the Necrology of the Laity.]

AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE.

Annual meeting, second Saturday and Sunday in June.—Organized in Houlton, January 22, 1846.—Semi-annual meeting, third Saturday and Sunday in September.

Rev. Marcus R. Keep, Dalton, ordained Jan. 4, 1847. Rev. Andrew Wiren (Lutheran,) New Sweden, ordained April 17, 1870.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, appointed Oct. 17, 18, 1876, was not held, on account of a severe storm.

THE THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING was held with the church at Houlton, June 16, 17, 1877. J. W. Caldwell, of Sherman, *Moderator*. Devotional exercises. Topics for discussion. What are some of the needs of the churches at the present time? What are some of the ways in which piety manifests itself? On the Sabbath day, Rev. William A. Merrill preached in the morning, Isa. 62:67; after which twelve persons were received into the church at Houlton, seven on profession of their faith, and the Lord's Supper administered by Revs. Wm. A. Merrill, and Zenas Crowell. In the evening Rev. Wm. A. Merrill preached, Rev. 2:20.

In the report of the state of religion, it was stated that several more additions to the church in Houlton, on confession of faith, are expected at the next communion; and that at Silver Ridge, there had been between 40 and 50 conversions. The church in Fort Fairfield commencing with nine members, has now forty. The church of Hodgdon and Linneus, by deaths and removals, has ceased to exist.

Rev. CHARLES NELSON SINNETT, (Bangor Seminary, 1874,) acting Pastor at Fort Fairfield, from July 7, 1877.

Rev. Charles A. Conant, at Passadumkeag in 1861-2, now at Duluth and Brainerd, Minn.—Rev. Daniel W. Hardy, Presque Isle, 1871-3, Dis. by Council, Stowe, N. H., March 26, 1877,—Rev. C. D. Herbert, Burlington, 1841-43, in Exeter, Conn.—Rev. Wm. T. Sleeper, in Aroostook County fourteen years, installed pastor of Mission Chapel Church, Worcester, Mass., Feb. 14, 1877.

Letters from Rev. J. E. Adams, Sec. Me. Miss'y Soc., concerning towns and churches in Aroostook Co., Ch. Mir., Nov. 11, 18, 1876.

Sabbath School Convention in Houlton, Mar. 13, 14, 1877; Fort Fairfield, Mar. 24, 25.

The Lutheran church in New Sweden, planning to build a meeting house.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Burlington, Theodore Taylor; Caribou, John Henry; Carroll and Springfield, Dea. Hiram Stevens, Carroll; Fort Fairfield, Dea. Hiram Stevens; Houlton, Mrs. Geo. B. Page, A. C.; Island Falls, Albion Merriman; Lee, Seth H. Riggs; Lincoln, T. Fuller; Passadumkeag, E. G. Haynes; Patten, Dr. Luther Rogers; Presque Isle, C. F. A. Johnson; Sherman, P. M. Caldwell; Hodgdon and Linneus, Wm. Starrett, Houlton, a. c.

Rev. Zenas Crowell, Houlton, *Scribe;* Rev. W. A. Merrill, Sherman Mills, *Treasurer;* Dr. Luther Rogers, Patten, *Reporter*.

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CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE.

Annual meeting, Tuesday before second Wednesday in June.—Organized in Gorham, Dec. 24, 1822.—Semi-annual meeting, Tuesday before 2d Wednesday in Jan'y.

The SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING was held with the First Church, in Yarmouth, January 23, 24, 1877. Rev. Jonathan G. Leavitt, of New Gloucester, *Moderator*. Opening sermon, Rev. William A. Bosworth, of Deering—1 Pet. 4:17—Judgment beginning at the house of God. Conference sermon, Rev. Abiel H. Wright, of St. Lawrence Ch., Portland—2 Pet. 1:8—Faith, and its attending virtues, as the source of Christian usefulness. Discussions on the duty of the Churches to the Negro, the Chinese, and the Indian; practical obligations of the Church Covenant; duty of Christians in relation to the Prayer Meetings. The "Question Box" suggested the following topics:—What is the true work of the Sabbath School, and how may it be best accomplished? Is a Christian experience a necessary qualification, as a Sabbath School teacher? What need we to do, and what can we do, for our paper—the Christian Mirror?

Tuesday evening was given to the interests of the young. Rev. Frank E. Clark, of Portland, gave an address on Christian honor, (published in Ch. Mirror, April 7.) Remarks were made on bringing the young to make an early confession of Christ; and on moral earnestness.

Wednesday morning, Reports from the Churches. They were looking hopefully for a work of grace.

A meeting was held on Tuesday afternoon in behalf of the Woman's Board of Missions, conducted by Mrs. H. Ilsley, of South Freeport. Addresses by Mrs. C. H. Wheeler, and Mrs. Wm. H. Fenn.

The Lord's Supper was administered, as the closing service of Conference. Report of meeting in Ch. Mirror, Jan'y 27, and reference to it by Rev. A. H. Wright, Ch. Mirror, Feb. 3.

The FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING, was held in Gorham, June 12, 13, 1877. Rev. Edwin A. Harlow, *Moderator*. Opening Sermon by Rev. Trueman A. Perry, of Cumberland. Deut. 32; 34. "Their Rock is not as our Rock." No Science of Philosophy can satisfy the soul, like the Religion of Christ. Conference Sermon by Rev. Addison Blanchard, of Westbrook. 1 Cor., 27: 29. Unworthily partaking of the Lord's Supper. Topics for discussion,—The proper organization of churches for work; the place of children in the church; the duty of churches to the cause of temperance; the meaning and necessity of the baptism of the Holy Ghost; conditions of admission to the church; promotion of revivals and training of converts. The Report of the churches, by the Registrar, Rev. E. A. Harlow, showed that the past year had been among the most prosperous in the history of the Conference, and for which a prayer of thanksgiving was offered. A praise meeting of thirty minutes, was held Tuesday evening. District Secretary, Rev. Wm. Warren, made an appeal in behalf of Foreign Missions. A meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions, was held on Wednesday forenoon. The Lord's Supper was administered by Revs. Luther Wiswall, of Windham, and Abiel H. Wright, of Portland. Reported in Portland Press, June 13; Ch. Mir., June 16.

DAVID LEWIS JONES, of South Wales, (Bangor Seminary, 1876,) was ordained Evangelist in South Freeport, August 24, 1876. Rev. Solomon P. Fay, of Bangor, *Moderator* of Council; Rev. Ernest F. Borchers, of North Yarmouth, *Scribe*. Public services,—Anthem; reading the Scriptures, Rev. John P. Evans, of Cape Elizabeth. Prayer, Rev. Lewis D. Evans, of Bristol; Hymn 1121, Ch. Hy.; Sermon, Rev. Richard W. Jenkins, of Yarmouth, Matt. 28:20; Ordaining prayer, Rev. Ezra H. Byington, of Brunswick; charge by the Moderator; Right hand, by the Scribe; Hymn 981; Benediction, Rev. David L. Jones.

FRANK EDWARD CLARK, (Dartmouth 1873, Andover 1876,) ordained as pastor of Williston Church, Portland, October 19, 1876. Rev. William H. Fenn, of Portland, *Moderator* of Council; Rev. John F. Morgan, of Portland, *Scribe*. Introductory service by the Scribe; Sermon by Rev. Asa D. Smith, of Dartmouth College, Rom. 1:16. Theme—The power of the Gospel; Ordaining prayer by the Moderator; Charge, Rev. Edward W. Clark, of Westboro, Mass., (father of the new pastor;) Right hand, Rev. Edward Y. Hincks, of Portland; Address to the people, Rev. Ezra H. Byington, of Brunswick; Benediction by the pastor.

Rev. HENRY STRONG HUNTINGTON, (Yale 1857, Andover 1862,) installed Pastor in Gorham, June 11, 1877. Rev. William H. Fenn, of Portland, *Moderator*; Dea. William E. Gould, of Deering, *Scribe*. Introductory services, Rev. John P. Trowbridge, of Standish; Sermon, Rev. Prof. Wm. M. Barbour—Matt. 5:19; Installing Prayer, Rev. Luther Wiswall, of Windham; Charge, Rev. Edward Chase, of Biddeford; Right hand, Rev. Henry B. Mead, of Westbrook; Address to people, Rev. Edward Y. Hincks, of

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Portland; Prayer, Rev. Wm. A. Bosworth, of Deering; Benediction, by Pastor. (Report, P. Press, June 12, Ch. Mirror, June 16.)

Rev. FREDERICK ERNEST EMRICH, (Bangor Sem., 1871-2; Grad. Bates Coll., 1876; Bates Sem'y, 1877,) installed pastor at Mechanic Falls, July 25, 1877. Rev. Jonathan G. Leavitt, of New Gloucester, Moderator of Council, Rev. Edwin S. Tingley, of Turner, Scribe. Invocation, by the Scribe; Anthem, by the Choir—"As pants the hart." Reading of the Scriptures, by Rev. J. S. Cogswell, of West Auburn; Prayer by Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Bangor. Hymn, "Coronation." Sermon by Rev. Geo. S. Dickerman, of Lewiston—John, 14: 8, 9. Anthem—"The Lord will comfort Zion." Installing prayer, Rev. Horatio Ilsley, of South Freeport; charge, Rev. Ernest F. Borchers, of North Yarmouth; Right Hand, Rev. Lauriston Reynolds, of Auburn; Address to people, Rev. Webster Woodbury, of Skowhegan. Anthem—"He shall feed his flock." Benediction, by the pastor.

Rev. GEORGE MICHAEL, (Penn. College, Gettysburg, 1871, Yale S. 1874,) acting Pastor of Church in Freeport from June, 1876.

Rev. RICHARD WILLIAM JENKINS, (Bangor, 1874,) acting Pastor Central Church, Yarmouth, from July, 1876.

Rev. EBENEZER BEAN, (Bowdoin, 1857, Bangor, 1861,) acting Pastor in Gray from March, 1877. Mr. B. was acting Pastor of this Church, 1863 to 1873.

Rev. THOMAS MATHEW DAVIES, (Bangor, 1874,) acting pastor at North Yarmouth, from Aug. 1877.

HERBERT WILLIAM LATHE, (Yale 1873, Andover 1877,) pastor-elect of Plymouth church, Portland.—Ordination, Sept. 27.

An Ecclesiastical Council, convened at the call of High Street Church, Portland, met in the vestry of that Church, November 23, 1876, to advise as to the dissolution of the pastoral relation of Rev. WILLIAM H. FENN, and that Church. Rev. Ezra H. Byington, *Moderator* of the Council; Rev. Addison Blanchard, of Westbrook. *Scribe.* The Council advised against it. The Pastor withdrew the resignation he had sent, and the Church voted to abide by the decision of the Council. Report, Ch. Mirror, Dec. 2.

Rev. LEONARD Z. FERRIS, Pastor at Gorham, from June 13, 1872; dismissed January 2, 1877. Rev. Addison Blanchard, of Westbrook, *Moderator of Council;* Rev. Henry B. Mead, Westbrook, *Scribe.* Record, Ch. Mirror, Jan 6.

Rev. JOHN P. EVANS, Pastor of Ligonia Ch., Cape Elizabeth, from Sept. 21. 1873,—dismissed April 12, 1877. Rev. Wm. H. Fenn, *Moderator* of Council; Rev. Richard W. Jenkins, *Scribe.* Called to Welsh Church, Milwaukie, Wis.

Rev. HERBERT R. HOWES, acting Pastor at Gray, from April 30. 1876, closed his labors in March, 1877; supplying temporarily at Raymond and North Windham.

Rev. ERNEST F. BORCHERS, acting Pastor at North Yarmouth, from Dec. 10, 1873, resigned April 1, 1877.

Rev. BURKE F. LEAVITT, of Williston Church, Portland, 1871-'76, installed Pastor Lincoln Church, Chicago, Ill., Nov. 17, 1876.

Rev. LEAVITT BARTLETT, of *First Church*, Yarmouth, 1871-'73. Re-commissioned by Am. Home Missionary Soc. to Olathe, Kansas, May, 1877.

DEDICATION OF MEETING HOUSE in East Baldwin, June 13, 1877.—Sermon and Dedicatory prayer, Rev. Chas. M. Lamson, of Worcester, Mass., Ps. 29:2; Report of building committee, read by D. T. Richardson; Remarks by Mr. T. K. Earl, of Mass., and acting pastor, Richard Wickett; Prayer and benediction by Mr. W., Ch. Mirror, June 23.

The church at Mechanic Falls repaired their church edifice, July, 1876; Williston Church, Portland, propose to build a house of worship in another location; High St. Ch., Auburn, have voted to enlarge their house.

The work of the Bethel Church, Portland, referred to in Ch. Mir., Jan'y 20, 1877; G. Rule, Mar. 28.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Auburn, J. R. Learned; Auburn, West, Rev. J. S. Cogswell; Auburn, Sixth Street Church, Rev. L. Reynolds; Baldwin, T. D. Richardson; Brunswick, John Furbish; Cape Elizabeth, First Church. Rev. E. A. Harlow; Cape Elizabeth, Welsh, Ligonia Church, Rev. J. P. Evans; Cumberland, Rufus Sweetser; Deering, First Church, Dea. H. H. Dow, 35 Oak street, Portland; Deering, Woodford's Corner, Dea. Wm. E. Gould; Durham, Ralph H. Hascall; Falmouth First, Rev. J. C. Adams; Falmouth Second, Samuel Bell; Freeport, Dan'l Curtis; Freeport South, Rev. H. Ilsley; Gorham, Stephen Hinckley; Gray, David B. Cummings; Harpswell, Wm. C. Eaton; Lewiston, Pine Street Church, Fred. B. Sands; Mechanic Falls, J. M. Eveleth, M. D.;

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Minot Center, Dea. S. W. Shaw; Hebron and West Minot, Wm. Lowell, W. Minot; New Gloucester, Dea. A. C. Chandler; North Yarmouth, N. W. F. Sweetsir; Poland, Mrs. George Waterhouse; Portland, Second Church, D. O. Perry, M. D.; High Street Church, Daniel Evans; Fourth Church, Henry A. Murray; Bethel Church, Rev. F. Southworth; State Street Church, Edward P. Oxnard; St. Lawrence Street Church, Benjamin Thompson; West Congregational Church, Ebenezer M. Gay, No. 3, Hemlock street; Plymouth Church, C. S. D. Griffin, jr.; Williston Church, L. R. Loring, box 1136; Pownal, Azor Mitchell; Scarboro, Dea. George W. Libby, Oak Hill; Standish, Rev. J. P. Trowbridge; Westbrook, First Church, (now Deering First Church,) Dea. H. H. Dow; Westbrook, Second Church, Dea. Harlan P. Murch, Saccarappa; Westbrook, Warren Church, Cumberland Mills, Dea. James Graham; Windham, Rev. Luther Wiswall; Yarmouth, First Church, Rev. Joseph Torrey; Central Church, Barnabas Freeman.

Rev. Joseph Torrey, of Yarmouth, *Scribe of Conference;* Rev. Trueman S. Perry, of Cumberland Centre, *Registrar and Treasurer.* Next meeting in Brunswick, Jany, 8, 9, 1878.

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION, formed in Westbrook, May 28, 1788. Annual meeting, second Tuesday of February; other meetings, on the second Tuesday of May, August, and November. Rev. Francis Southworth, of Portland, *Scribe.* Met Feb. 13, 1877, with Rev. E. Y. Hincks, Portland; May 8, at Lewiston.

FRANKLIN CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, Tuesday and Wednesday preceding the second Wednesday in June. Organized in Strong, January 15, 1839.

THIRTY EIGHTH Annual Meeting was held in Wilton, June 12, 13, 1877. Rev. Osgood W. Rogers, of Farmington, *Moderator.* Opening sermon, Rev. John W. H. Baker, of New Sharon—Matt. 6:10—"Thy will be done." Conference sermon, by the Moderator, Rev. 2:19, 20, f c.—The praise-worthy, and blame-worthy in our Churches. The devotional exercises were frequent and interesting. Praise meeting, on Tuesday evening.—Topics for discussion—Christian faithfulness—its relation to growth in grace. Mr. Moody's methods and success. Our field of labor; how to cultivate it. Claims of the American Missionary Association. Sabbath Schools; how much time to devote to them; teachers' preparation; the devotional element in the S. S.; should we have unconverted teachers; memorizing Scripture.

The Report of the Churches, by Rev. J. L. Pratt, of Strong. A prosperous year. References made in Conference to the Young People's Union at New Sharon, and to the Young People's meeting, which has been held three years in Wilton, and to meetings in outside sections in Farmington. The Lord's Supper was administered by the Revs. Daniel D. Tappan, of Weld, and J. W. H. Baker, of New Sharon.

"One of the most interesting and largely attended Conferences we have ever held."

OSGOOD WYMAN ROGERS, (Bowdoin 1872, Bangor 1876,) ordained Pastor of Church in Farmington, June 21, 1876. Record, Minutes 1876, p. 61.

JAMES I. JONES, of Merthyr, Tydfil, Wales, (Bangor Sem., 1877.) Ordained in Farmington Falls as Pastor of the Church in that place, and of the Church in Mercer, June 19, 1877. Rev. Prof. William M. Barbour, *Moderator* of the Council; Rev. Uriah W. Small, of Wilton, *Scribe.* Invocation, and reading of the Scriptures, (2 Cor. 4,) by Rev. S. P. Morrill, F. B., of Farmington Falls. Sermon and Ordaining Prayer, by the Moderator; Text of Sermon—Acts 6:4. Charge to Pastor, Rev. Osgood W. Rogers, of Farmington. Right Hand, by the Scribe. Address to people, Rev. J. W. H. Baker, of New Sharon. Prayer. Benediction, by Pastor.

GEORGE ANGIER GORDON, of Aberdeenshire, Scotland, (Bangor Seminary, 1877.)—Ordained Pastor of the Church in Temple, June 20, 1877. Rev. Prof. William M. Barbour, *Moderator* of Council; Prof. Rolliston Woodbury, of Farmington, *Scribe.* Public services:—Anthem; Invo. and Scriptures, Rev. U. W. Small, of Wilton; Hymn, Rev. C. E. Munger, M. E.; Sermon and ordaining prayer, by the Moderator—Text of sermon Matt. 2, 1—12; Charge, Rev. Luther H. Angier, of Everett, Mass; Right Hand, Rev. Osgood W. Rogers, of Farmington; Address to people, Rev. J. Loring Pratt, of Strong; Hymn, Rev. D. D. Tappan; Benediction, by Pastor.

Mr. Gordon takes a short vacation and visits Scotland. Rev. L. H. Angier supplies most of the time during his absence. Reported Ch. Mirror, June 30.

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Rev. URIAH WHITNEY SMALL, (Amherst, 1854; Andover, 1858;) acting Pastor, Wilton, from Sept., 1876.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Farmington, J. P. Thwing; Farmington Falls, C. E. Davis; Industry, W. M. Bryant; New Sharon, F. M. Howes; New Vineyard, John McLain; Phillips, Joseph N. Worthly; Strong, S. B. Luce; Temple, Abel Sampson, Weld, Timothy H. Frye; Wilton, Edward P. Packard.

E. P. Packard, of Wilton, *Scribe of Conference;* Rev. J. Loring Pratt, of Strong, *Reporter;* Dea. J. P. Thwing, of Farmington, *Treasurer.*

Next meeting in Farmington Falls, June 11, 12, 1878.

FRANKLIN ASSOCIATION.—See Somerset, p. 57.

HANCOCK CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, second Tuesday and Wednesday in June. Organized in Bucksport, May 10, 1825. Semi-annual Meeting in September or October.

No SEMI-ANNUAL Meeting held.

FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING in Ellsworth, June 12, 13, 1877.

Dea. Edward Swasey, of Bucksport, Moderator; Rev. E. R. Osgood, of Bluehill, Scribe; and, in his absence, Alfred L. Skinner, of Bucksport, Scribe *pro tem.*

Opening sermon by Rev. Josiah T. Closson, of Deer Isle, Jonah, 3: 1-4. Topics discussed: 1. "Lessons to be derived from the evangelistic work in our country." 2. "The need of a larger element of gospel influence in the temperance work to insure its complete success." 3. "Obstacles to the spread of the gospel in our own Conference, and methods for their removal." Conference sermon by Rev. Alexander R. Plumer, of Mt. Desert, Matt. 21: 28, last clause. Topic: "The duty, joy, privilege, and blessedness of work for Jesus."

The ordinance of the Lord's Supper was administered by the Revs. Sewall Tenney and William Forsyth.

A Church was organized in Somesville, Mt. Desert, Dec. 21, 1876. Rev. John M. H. Dow, Moderator; R. L. Grindle, M. D., Scribe. Services conducted by the Moderator and Rev. Alexander R. Plumer. The original seven members are from the Church in Tremont and Mt. Desert.

Rev. GEORGE S. KEMP, late of Newfield, acting pastor at West Brooksville, from June 1877.

CHARLES JOSEPH HARDY ROPES, (Yale 1873, Andover, 1877,) accepts call to Ellsworth, from Aug. 4, 1877.

Rev. EDWARD RANDOLPH OSGOOD, acting Pastor at West Brooksville, from Jan. 26, 1874, preached his farewell sermon Sept. 10, 1876. Left Sept. 24. He supplies at Bluehill.

Rev. ALFRED EATON IVES, Pastor of the Church in Castine, from June 20, 1855, preached his farewell sermon, Dec. 31, 1876—2 Tim. 4:7. Residence, Castine. He has spent several months with his son, Rev. Joel S. Ives, at East Hampton, Conn., assisting him in his labors, and supplying the pulpit during a brief illness.

DEDICATION.—The Chapel built by the Bucksport Church, was dedicated Dec. 30, 1876. The Pastor, Rev. Wm. Forsyth, and Dr. Tenney, of Ellsworth, took part in the services. The building furnishes ample accommodations for their social religious services, and for the Ladies' Benevolent Society.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Amherst and Aurora, Dea. Sylvanus Butler, Aurora; Bluehill, Samuel B. Johnson; West Brooksville, M. J. Farnham; Bucksport, Dea. Edward Swasey; Castine, Rev. A. E. Ives; Deer Isle, 1st ch., Daniel Saunders; Deer Isle, 2d ch., Wm. E. Powers, North Deer Isle; Ellsworth, John H. Brimmer; Isle au Haut, Eley S. Turner; Orland, A. P. Emerson; Sedgwick and Brooksville, Dea. S. Allen, North Brooksville; Sedgwick Village, D. J. Cunningham, Brooklin; Tremont and Mt. Desert, Rev. A. R. Plumer, West Eden; R. L. Grindle, M. D., Somesville, Mt. Desert.

Rev. Edward R. Osgood, of Bluehill, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference.*

The next Annual Meeting is at Bluehill, in October. 1st Preacher, Rev. H. Houston; 2d do., Rev. Wm. Forsyth.

HANCOCK ASSOCIATION, organized in Sedgwick, Sept. 21, 1797. Meetings, first week in June, and second week in August, November, and February. Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine, *Scribe.*

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KENNEBEC CONFERENCE.

Annual meeting, second Tuesday and Wednesday in June—Organized in Winthrop, Oct. 29, 1823.—Semi-annual meeting, fourth Tuesday and Wednesday in October.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING at Waterville, Oct. 24, 1876; Rev. Thomas Adams of Winslow, *Moderator*. Opening sermon by Rev. T. G. Mitchell, of Somerset Conference, 1 Cor. 3:23, "Ye are Christ's." Topics discussed—1, The theme of the sermon. 2, The best methods for the study of God's word, opened by Rev. W. Woodbury, of Skowhegan, and W. C. Curtis, of Richmond. 3, Qualifications essential to successful labor, especially for revival work, opened by Rev. T. G. Mitchell and J. T. Hawes of Litchfield. 4, The creed, and church membership, opened by Rev. B. Tappan, of Norridgewock. Bible service, conducted by Rev. John Dinsmore. Theme—the mind of Christ. Lecture on Oriental Customs, by Rev. A. L. Park, of Gardiner. Conference sermon, by Rev. Webster Woodbury, of Somerset Conference. Closed with the administration of the Lord's Supper.

THE FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING, held with the church in Richmond, June 12, 13, 1877. Opening sermon by Rev. James H. Ecob, of Augusta, John 8:32, "The truth shall make you free."—Conference sermon Rev. Warren F. Bickford, of Winthrop, 1, Cor. 9:22, "I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some." Topics for remarks—Service of song in the sanctuary; lessons from the churches from the tabernacle meetings, as to methods of labor, and preaching; drones in the christian hive—how made workers; New Testament piety— wherein do we chiefly come short of it. There was a Bible reading, with singing, Tuesday evening; a promise meeting on Wednesday P. M. Report of churches by the Scribe.

The Lord's Supper administered by Revs. John Dinsmore, of Winslow, and Henry F. Harding, of Hallowell.

This Conference provides that each church shall be represented by six delegates, half of them ladies.

WARREN FRANKLIN BICKFORD, (Bowdoin 1872, Bangor 1876,) ordained Pastor of church in Winthrop, June 21, 1876. Record, Minutes 1876, p. 64.

REV. EZRA NYE SMITH, (Bangor, 1872,) commences labor in Waterville, July 1, 1877.

REV. HENRY VAUGHAN EMMONS, (Amherst, 1854, Bangor 1859,) supplying in Hallowell.

REV. CHARLES D. CRANE, acting pastor at Waterville from July 4, 1875, resigned April, 1877.

Rev. GEORGE G. WINSLOW, a. p. Pittston, May 1875 to May 1877; now at Harrington M. E. Church. Rev. Charles E. Libbey, (Metho.) supplying Pittston from June, 1877.

THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF CHURCH IN WINTHROP, was observed Sept. 4, 1876. Invocation by the Pastor, Rev. Warren F. Bickford; singing a select piece; reading of Psalm 84th; singing a Hymn; Prayer by Rev. Richard W. Jenkins, a former Pastor; Discourse by Rev. Thomas Newman Lord, of Limerick, a former resident of Winthrop—Text, Ps. 112:2—The benefit of the praise and service of God. This Church was the first organized in what now constitutes the Counties of Kennebec, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Somerset, Aroostook, Franklin, and Oxford. It numbered 16 male and 11 female members. Whole number of members 581; present number, 151. The first Pastor was David Jewett, called in 1782, who died 14 months after. Jonathan Belden was Pastor from 1800 to 1805; David Thurston was Pastor 44 years; Rufus Sawyer, 8 years; Samuel D. Bowker, 3 years; Thomas K. Noble, 2 years; Richard W. Jenkins, 2 years; Warren F. Bickford, the present Pastor, ord. June 20, 1876. The first two meeting houses were built by the town. The closing services were conducted by the venerable Rev. Thomas Adams, of Winslow, and by Rev. Henry F. Harding, of Hallowell.

In the evening, a festival was held in the vestry, which, as well as the Church, was decorated with flowers, evergreens, and mottoes. Rev. H. F. Harding, of Hallowell, Mr. Hill, of Monmouth, Dea. Brown Thurston, of Portland, Rev. Thomas Adams, of Winslow, Mr. Nickerson, Rev. T. N. Lord, and Pastor Bickford made remarks.

Letters were read from Rev. Stephen Thurston, of Searsport, and Mrs. Newman. Rev. D. D. Tappan, of Weld, also sent an original poem. A poem by H. Woodward, of Winthrop, was read. The proceedings are published in a pamphlet of 24 pages.

Rev. William C. Curtiss, of Richmond, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference.*

Next meeting (semi-annual,) in connection with Somerset Conference, in Skowhegan, October 23, 1877. Next annual meeting in Pittston, June 11, 12, 1878.

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Kennebec Association formed in Pittston, July 24, 1816, merged in Kennebec and Somerset Association.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES—Augusta, Dea. Edward A. Nason; Benton, Dea. H. L. Crosby; Clinton, A. M. Billings; Gardiner, Rev. A. L. Park; Hallowell, J. F. Russell; Litchfield, Dea. John Hancock; Monmouth, Dea. M. J. Metcalf; Pittston, Dea. David A. White; Richmond, Dea. B. F. Tallman; Sidney, A. Sawtelle; Vassalboro, Otis Hawes; Waterville, J. L. Towne; Winslow, Geo. W. Patterson; Winthrop, Dea. Stephen Sewall.

KENNEBEC AND SOMERSET ASSOCIATIONS united, April 23, 1867, at Waterville.—Meets fourth Tuesday of January, April, and October, and the second Monday in July. Rev. Webster Woodbury, of Skowhegan, *Scribe.*

LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOC CONFERENCE.

Organized in Alna, June 8, 1825. Annual meeting Tuesday and Wednesday in June. Semi-annual meeting—none regularly.

THE FIFTY-SECOND Annual Meeting was held in the old Walpole Meeting House, Bristol, June 12, 13, 1877. Rev. Ezra B. Pike, *Moderator.* Opening sermon by Rev. Henry S. Loring, of Phipsburg, Matt. 11:12; "Kingdom of Heaven suffereth violence." Conference sermon, Rev. Henry H. Hutchinson, Exo. 12:13: "When I see the blood, I will pass over you." Topics for remarks—In what does the power of the church consist? what is a revival of religion? are they in accordance with God's plan in building up the church? How to promote a revival of religion; how to study the Bible. Can a person be a true christian, without becoming a member of the visible church? The claims of the feeble churches, and of the Maine Missionary Society were presented, and a resolution unanimously adopted that the churches be invited to release their pastors for one Sabbath or more, that they may go and assist the feeble churches of the Conference. Report of the churches by Rev. Lewis Goodrich. Twelve of the churches report revivals. Lord's Supper administered by Revs. E. B. Pike and J. K. Mason.

REV. JOHN JUSTIN BLAIR, (Bangor, 1872,) acting pastor at Rockland, from Nov. 1, 1876.

REV. JOHN HASKELL, acting pastor at Sheepscot Bridge, New Castle, from May 26, 1872, resigned, Oct. 1, 1876.—Residence, Billerica, Mass.

REV. EZRA B. PIKE, a. p. at Boothbay, from June 1, 1873, has resigned, June, 1877.

CENTENNIAL celebration of the incorporation of Warren, Nov. 15, 1876. Address by W. O. Fletcher, Esq., and other exercises. Rev. Lewis Goodrich, gave its religious history for the last century.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Alna, Dea. Jeremiah Pearson; Bath, Winter Street, Rev. J. O. Fiske; Bath, Central, Rev. William Hart; Boothbay, First Church, Daniel Dodge, North Boothbay; Boothbay, 2d Ch, Dea. James T. Beath; Bremen, J. P. Hilton; Bristol, Rev. L. D. Evans; Edgecomb, Samuel Clifford; Lisbon, Mrs. A. M. Shea, Lisbon Falls, a. c.; Newcastle, 1st Church, C. C. Laiten, Sheepscot Bridge, Newcastle, 2d Church, Rev. Wm. F. Obear; Phipsburg, Nathaniel C. Read; Rockland, A. J. Shaw; Thomaston, J. A. Fuller; Topsham, A. W. Dennett; Union, Augustus Vaughn; Waldoboro, 1st Church, George Allen; Waldoboro, 2d Church, Jacob Winchenbeau; Warren, I. P. Starrett; Washington, Rev. J. J. Bulfinch, a. c.; Wiscasset, Rev. Geo. W. Christie, a. c.; Woolwich, Rev. Henry O. Thayer.

Rev. William F. Obear, of New Castle, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference.* Mr. Huston, of Damariscotta, *Auditor;* Rev. Lewis Goodrich, of Warren, *Reporter.*

LINCOLN ASSOCIATION, formed in Warren, May 1, 1814,—meets third Tuesday in January, and second Tuesday in May and September.

LINCOLN (WEST) ASSOCIATION, formed at Phipsburg, May 1, 1844.—Meetings, first Tuesday in February, May, and November. Rev. Henry S. Loring, of Phipsburg, *Scribe.* Met in Phipsburg, Oct. 24, 1876; Bath, with Dr. Fiske, Feb. 6, 1877; Damariscotta, May 1.

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OXFORD CONFERENCE.

Organized in Bridgton, Jan. 16, 1824. Annual Meeting, second Tuesday and Wednesday in June. Semi-annual meeting, Tuesday and Wednesday after second Monday in September.

The SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING was held in Rumford, October 17, 18, 1876. Rev. Calvin Chapman, of Andover, *Moderator*. Opening sermon by Rev. David Garland, of Bethel—Titus, 3:5. Theme—The work of the Holy Spirit upon the soul. Conference sermon, by Rev. Samuel W. Pearson, of Andover—Rom. 12: 2, 3,—Jesus the object of the Christian's supreme affections. Topics for discussion—1. Have not our Churches need to be aroused on the subject of their dependence on the Holy Spirit for their existence?
2. Does not the low state of piety in our Churches indicate that the Divine Spirit has been so slighted and grieved, as to depart from us?
3. Influence of the Bible upon character, Sabbath School, and kindred topics.
District Secretary Warren presented the claims of Foreign Missions. The Lord's Supper was administered by Revs. S. W. Pearson and M. Hannaford, (Metho.)

THE FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING was held in South Paris, June 12, 13, 1877. Hon. Enoch W. Woodbury, of Bethel, *Moderator*. Opening sermon, Rev. George A. Lockwood, of Oxford, Matt. 3:11, The baptism of the Holy Ghost; Christ's method, in contrast with John's. Conference sermon by Rev. Edwin S. Tingley, of Turner, Acts. 3:6, Using what we have. Topics discussed—What practical lessons may we learn from the evangelistic movements in the cities? How shall we bring those of our congregations who indulge a secret hope, to make a public profession of religion? Devotional exercises were frequent and profitable. Report of the churches, by the *Scribe*. Meeting of the Oxford Bible Society, on Wednesday afternoon.
The Lord's Supper was administered by Revs. D. Garland and A. J. Benedict. Nearly every church was fully represented. The exercises from beginning to end were earnest, interesting, and satisfying.

REV. J. W. TARLETON supplied Sumner, June 1876, to Nov. 1876.

G. L. CLARK, Licentiate from New Haven, supplied First Church, Bethel, in the winter.

EDWARD E. BACON, (Hamilton, 1873. Andover, 1877,) at Norway 2d ch., from March, 1877; accepts a call—to be ordained Aug. 24. First church, Mr. Augustus H. Fuller, from June, 1877.

REV. CHARLES LEWIS MILLS, (Yale 1835, Princeton, 1838,) acting pastor First Ch., Bethel, from April, 1877—A. P. in Norway, from May, 1875, resigned March 4, 1877.

REV. EDWIN SILAS TINGLEY, (Bangor, 1870,) acting pastor Turner, from April 1, 1877.

Rev. CHARLES DODD CRANE, (Princeton 1869, Union S. 1874,) accepts call to South Paris, July, 1877.

The NEW MEETING HOUSE in Norway, dedicated Nov. 23, 1876. Sermon, Rev. C. L. Mills, a. p., Ps. 26: 8. Dedicatory prayer, by Rev. Geo. A. Lockwood of Oxford. It is a semi-gothic structure, and will seat 400. It has a pastor's room, with ladies' parlor. Sabbath School room and chapel, and with the furniture is paid for.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Andover, Eben Poor, p. t.; Bethel, 1st ch., J. M. Purington; Bethel, 2d ch., Rev. David Garland; Dixfield, D. S. Libbey; Gilead, Rev. Henry Farrar; Gorham, N. H., Rev. A. J. Benedict; Norway, 1st ch., J. F. Holt; Norway, 2d ch., T. G. Goodwin; Oxford, Julius F. Fuller; Rumford, Rev. J. Elliot, p. t.; Shelburne, N. H., Mrs. Maria F. Gates; South Paris, Stephen Parsons; Sumner, I. T. Stetson; Turner, Horace True; Upton, A. W. Strickland.

A. W. Valentine, of Bethel. *Scribe and Treasurer*; Dea. T. G. Goodwin, of Norway, *Reporter of Sabbath Schools*.

OXFORD ASSOCIATION formed in Norway, June 11, 1822. Second Tuesday in May, July and September, are its times for meeting. Met in Bethel, with Rev. D. Garland, Sep. 12, 1876; Oxford, Oct. 16; Andover, May 22, 1877.

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PENOBSCOT CONFERENCE.

Organized in Brownville, January 11, 1825. Annual meeting, second Tuesday and Wednesday in June. Semi-annual meeting, second Tuesday and Wednesday in Jan'y.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING held with the Central Church, Bangor, January 9, 10, 1877. Dea. George A. Snow, of Brewer, *Moderator*. Opening sermon, Rev. James H. Crosby, 1 Cor. 12:13—What love would do. Conference sermon, by Rev. Israel P. Warren, of Cumberland Conference—Rev. 21:5—The methods by which God is to renovate the world, the progress made, and what is yet to be done. Topics for remark—Relation of the Church to the Temperance Reform; prayer for the Holy Spirit; for the increase of faith, activity, holiness, and Christian charity; relation of the Church to social morality; social meetings; the proper method of effort in bringing the young into the Church; (this topic, as introduced by Prof. L. L. Paine, of Bangor Seminary, is published in Ch. Mirror, Feb. 24;) the duty of Christians to the Church, in reference to revivals; (this, as introduced by Rev. J. Edwards, of East Orrington, is published in Ch. Mirror, Feb. 3;) the importance of sustaining the Christian Mirror. The verbal reports of the Churches showed an unusual religious interest. The Lord's Supper was administered by Rev. S. P. Fay and Prof. L. L. Paine, of Bangor.

The FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING, in East Orrington, June 12, 13, 1877. Dea. George A. Snow, of Brewer, *Moderator*. Topics for remark—The duty of Christians to the Conference, in promoting Christian fellowship, and every good work; how best to reach the unconverted; what relation do adult church members bear to the Sabbath School; evidences of conversion. Bible readings and discourse, by Rev. George F. Pentecost, of Boston, Tuesday P. M. and Wednesday A. M. George C. Stebbins, being present on Tuesday, and aiding in the service of song. The devotional meetings were precious seasons. The Report of the *Scribe*, Wm. G. Duren, showed that the past year had been one of more than usual prosperity and interest. A promise meeting was held on Wednesday morning. The topics disclosed by the Question Box, were answered by Rev. G. F. Pentecost, and others. Rev. Benjamin G. Snow, of the Micronesian Mission, Rev. Joseph Smith, of Orland, and Rev. Hiram Day, of Chatham, Mass., were present, and took part in the services. The ordinance of the Lord's Supper was administered by Revs. B. G. Snow and S. P. Fay.

JONATHAN EDWARDS, (Bangor, 1876,) ordained Pastor of the Church in East Orrington, June 15, 1876.—Record Minutes 1876, p. 71.

ALFRED J. MCGOWN, (Bangor Seminary, 1877,) ordained Pastor at Orono, July 8, 1877. Rev. Prof. Levi L. Paine, of Bangor, *Moderator* of Council; Clarence A. Beckwith, of Brewer, *Scribe*. Invocation and reading of Scripture, by Rev. Wm. L. Brown of Metho. Ch., Orono. Sermon, by the Moderator—1 Timo. 4:6—"A good minister of Jesus Christ." Ordaining Prayer and Charge to pastor and people, Rev. S. P. Fay, of Bangor. Right Hand, Rev. Herbert A. Loring, of Foxcroft. Prayer, by Scribe. Benediction, by Pastor.

CLARENCE AUGUSTINE BECKWITH, (Olivet c., 1874, Yale s., 1875-6, Bangor 1877,) acting Pastor First Church, Brewer, from July 1, 1877.

REV. JEREMIAH EVARTS POND, resigns pastorate at Hampden. Dis. by Council Oct. 31, 1876. Rev. Prof. Wm. M. Barbour, *Moderator*; Dea. Augustus L. Bourne, of Bangor, *Scribe*. Accepts call to Milltown, N. B.; Rev. James H. Crosby has supplied much of the time in Hampden since November.

A letter from Lucius M. Boltwood, of Hartford, Conn., dated June 14, 1876, conveys some information concerning Rev. Seth Noble, first pastor of the First church Bangor, which has not appeared in any former minutes.

Rev. Seth Noble, was born in Westfield, Mass., April 15, 1743. Was settled over the Congregational Church in Mangerville, N. B. (now Sheffield,) June 15, 1774, remaining there three years. He wrote to his nephew, Aaron Davey, Westfield, Mass., Feb. 7, 1776, an account of a revival in M. In May 1776, he with others gave their sympathies to New England, in their revolutionary struggle, and left the province. He went to New Market, N. H. remaining to 1786. A son (Joseph) was born there, June 13, 1783. Mr. N. was settled in Bangor, Sept. 10, 1786, and dismissed, Nov. 1797. He supplied also in Brewer, Orrington, and Hampden. Removing to Montgomery, Mass., he was dismissed there, Sept. 16, 1806. Went from thence to Franklinton, Ohio, (now part of Columbus) where he died Sept. 15, 1807, aged 64, and was laid in the old grave-yard in F. His last sermon was preached August 9, 1807, from Matt. 11:38.

WEST BANGOR CHAPEL.—The Third Anniversary held April 1, 1877. Services every Sabbath afternoon.

AT NORTH BANGOR, EAST BANGOR, and ESSEX ST., BANGOR, services are held.

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CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Bangor 1st Ch., William P. Hubbard; Bangor, Hammond St. Ch., Dea. E. F. Duren; Bangor, Central Ch., Henry S. Brown; Brewer, 1st Ch., C. O. Farrington; Brewer Village, Daniel Sargent, 2d; Dedham, Benj P. Todd; Dixmont and Plymouth, Geo. H. Thayer, a. c., Plymouth; Hampden, Daniel F. Holland; Holden, George C. Wiswall; Kenduskeag, Orren R. Barrows; Oldtown, C. A. Bailey; Orono, Dea. Joseph Greaves; East Orrington, Ephraim Goodale; Upper Stillwater, Ida Rogers; Veazie, Dea. Nahum Warren.

Lorenzo W. Starbird, of East Dixmont, *Scribe of Conference*; Dea. E. F. Duren, of Bangor, *Treasurer*. Next meeting in Brewer Village, January 8, 9, 1878.

PENOBSCOT ASSOCIATION formed at Bangor, August 8, 1842. Annual meeting on Tuesday, preceding the third Wednesday in December,—other meetings by adjournment. Met in Bangor, at Seminary Reading Room, several times during the year. Rev. S. P. Fay, *Moderator;* Rev. John S. Sewall, *Scribe*.

PISCATAQUIS CONFERENCE.

Organized in Foxcroft, Sept. 20, 1842. Annual meeting, Tuesday and Wednesday preceding the meeting of General Conference. Semi-annual meeting, third Tuesday in October.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING in Abbot Village, October 10, 12, 1876. Tuesday, DEDICATION OF THE MEETING HOUSE; Sermon by Rev. Smith Baker, of Lowell, Mass.—Psalm 96:9—"O, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." Dedicatory prayer, by Rev. Peter B. Thayer, of Garland. Rev. Amos Redlon, acting Pastor, gave an historical statement of the beginning, progress, and completion of the edifice. Cost, $3,300; of which $1,200 was contributed from abroad, by churches and individuals. Resolutions adopted were published, with a report of the meeting, in Ch. Mirror, Oct. 21.

7. P. M. A prayer and praise meeting was held. 8 A. M. Discussion, on Church work. 1. Preparatory; 2. In the Sanctuary; 3. For the world. Wednesday, 9 A. M. Prayer meeting, followed by a discussion on the relation of the Holy Spirit to Church life and work; 2. to Christian benevolence,—a necessary part of Church work and worship.—Various topics were suggested by the "Question Box." 2 P. M. Sermon by Rev. Amory H. Tyler, of Monson—John 12:32—"And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me." Evening. Prayer meeting; discussion on the claims of the Gospel on the sinner; its provisions; his welfare, duty, and destiny. Thursday, 9 A. M., Prayer meeting; followed by the report of the Churches, and closing exercises.

The THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING, in Garland, June 13,—21, 1877. Rev. Charles Davison, of Greenville, *Moderator*. Conference Sermon by Rev. Amos Redlon, of Abbot,—Heb. 9:10. The time of reformation.

Topics discussed,—1. The Christian in his home; in the world. 2. How shall we develope and utilize the latent power of the Church? 3. The duty of the Church to the young, and how to win them to Christ. A meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions was held, Wednesday P. M. The sympathy of Conference was expressed with the work of the Temperance Reform Club. The Moderator preached at the last session, from Luke 32:26—Christ the cross-bearer. After which the Lord's Supper was administered by Revs. Amasa Loring and Chas. L. Nichols.

A very full attendance. The churches well represented by their Pastors and Delegates, and a good attendance of the local community.

JEHIEL SIMMONS RICHARDS, Jr, (Bowdoin, 1872, Bangor, 1877,) Ordained Pastor of the Church in Dexter, June 21, 1877. Professor John S. Sewall, *Moderator* of Council; Rev. Herbert A. Loring, of Foxcroft, *Scribe*. Public services in the evening,—Anthem by the choir; Invocation, Rev. Amasa Loring, of Foxcroft; Reading the Scripture, by the *Scribe*. Prayer, Rev. Amos Redlon, of Abbot; Hymn read by Rev. N. Butler, of the Baptist church; Sermon by Rev. Professor Wm. M. Barbour, of Bangor,—Acts 6:4. Ordaining and Installing Prayer, Rev. Charles L. Nichols, of Brownville. Charge to Pastor, by the *Moderator*. Right hand, Rev. P. B. Thayer, of Garland. Address to the people, Rev. Chas. Davison, of Greenville; Hymn; Prayer, Rev. Loran L. Hanscom, of Methodist church; Benediction by Pastor. Reported, Ch. Mir., June 30.

Rev. AMORY H. TYLER, closes labors at Monson, June 24.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Atkinson, R. B. Gould; Blanchard, Daniel Blanchard; Brownville, E. W. Stickney; Dexter, Dea. J. W. Barron; Foxcroft and Dover, C. H.

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B. Woodbury, of Dover; Garland, Rev. P. B. Thayer; Greenville, Rev. Chas. Davison; Monson, Gustavus B. Hiscock; Sangerville, Dea. Joseph Fowler; Abbot Village, Washington W. Delano.

Rev. Rufus W. Emerson, of Monson, *Scribe of Conference;* C. H. B. Woodbury, of Dover, *Treasurer.*

PISCATAQUIS ASSOCIATION, formed at Monson, January 25, 1841. Annual meeting, third Tuesday in February; other meetings quarterly. Rev. Charles Davison, of Greenville, *Scribe.* Met in Greenville, Aug. 22, 1876; Garland, Dec. 19, 1876; Monson, May 22, 1877.

SOMERSET CONFERENCE.

Organized in Norridgewock, Oct. 1, 1823.—Annual meeting, Tuesday preceding second Wednesday in June. Semi-annual meeting, no regular day, usually in October.

No SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING in 1876.

THE FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING was held in Solon, June 19, 20, 1877. Rev. Thomas G. Mitchell, Madison, *Moderator.* All the churches were represented, except one.

Opening sermon, Rev. A. J. Thompson, of Bingham, Gen. 29:20; Conference sermon by the Moderator, John 15:4. Topics for remarks—With what aims should we study the Bible with reference to ourselves, and with reference to others? lessons from Mr. Moody's work in Boston; christian growth,—its necessity—helps and hindrances; the christian's duty to his family, to the church, to the unconverted. A praise and promise meeting was held on Tuesday evening. The Woman's Board of Missions held its annual meeting on Wednesday noon. The Lord's Supper was administered by Revs. Benjamin Tappan, of Norridgewock, and Webster Woodbury, of Skowhegan; reported in Somerset Reporter, June 15.

REV. WILLIAM S. SEWALL, closed labors in Athens, Sept., 1876.

REV. EZRA N. SMITH, closes his labors in Solon,—accepts call to Waterville, July 1, 1877.

Rev. JAMES I. JONES, pastor of church in Mercer, ordained June 19, 1877. See p. 50.

The church in Skowhegan have issued a Church Manual, referring to all matters pertaining to the church during the year ending May 4, 1877. They are grading and improving the grounds around the church edifice.

REV. TEMPLE CUTLER, pastor in Skowhegan, 1861-68, was called from Athol, Mass., to Chattanooga, Tenn., in service of the Am. Miss'y Asso.

Rev. FREDERIC E. STURGESS, Pastor in Skowhegan, 1868-9; now Pastor of Pr. Ch. in Knoxville, Tenn.

CLERKS OF CHURCHES—Anson, Arthur Dinsmore; Athens, Dr. W. B. Leavitt; Bingham, Dea. Nathan Baker; Madison, Dr. C. D. Morrill; Madison, East, Mark Hobart; Mercer, Albert J. Downs; New Portland, North, Dr. W. H. Stevens; Norridgewock, H. N. Page; Skowhegan, Hon. James Bell; Solon, Dr. Mortimer Bodwell; South Solon, Calvin Jewett; St. Albans, Nathaniel Merrill.

Clinton A. Woodbury, of Skowhegan, *Scribe of Conference.* Rev. Benjamin Tappan, of Norridgewock, *Treasurer.* Next semi-annual meeting in Skowhegan, Oct. 23, 24, 1877.

SOMERSET AND FRANKLIN ASSOCIATION formed at Strong, May 4, 1853. Somerset Association united with Franklin, was formed July 10, 1844; these are now merged in the Kennebec and Somerset Association, formed at Waterville, April 23, 1867. Meets fourth Tuesday of January, April, and October, and second Monday in July. Rev. John Dinsmore, of Winslow, *Scribe.*

UNION CONFERENCE.

Organized in South Bridgton, June 14, 1836. Annual meeting, Tuesday preceding the second Wednesday in June (two days.) Semi-annual meeting, last Tuesday in October (two days.)

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, in Naples, Oct. 31, Nov. 1, 1876. Sermon, Rev. Henry Carpenter, of Bridgton—Neh. 4:10—"And Judah said, the strength of the bearers of burdens is decayed, and there is much rubbish; so that we are not able to build the

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wall." Tuesday evening, Rev. Ernest F. Borchers, of Cumberland Conference, preached from Gal. 1: 8, 9, commemorative of the inauguration of the Reformation by Martin Luther. Topics for discussion—1. How shall we secure the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in this Conference, and in our Churches? 2. Individual responsibility for the salvation of souls. 3. The relation of the Churches to Temperance. Rev. William Warren, of Gorham, presented the cause of Home and Foreign Missions. Remarks upon Church and Christian fellowship; followed by the administration of the Lord's Supper, by Revs. N. Lincoln and H. Carpenter.

FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING, in South Bridgton, June 12, 13, 1877. Rev. N. Lincoln, of North Bridgton, *Moderator*. Rev. E. P. Noyes, of Mass., supplying at Fryeburg, preached a sermon on "The Church and its work." Conference sermon, by Rev. James P. Stinchfield, of Lovell—Col. 3:11—"Christ is all, and in all." Topics for remark—The Christian life,—its beginning and growth; helps and hindrances to Christian growth.

Tuesday evening. The relation of the Churches to Missions, by Rev. Henry Carpenter. Ordinance of the Lord's Supper administered by Revs. E. P. Noyes and H. H. Osgood.

Rev. BAMAN N. STONE, dismissed by Council from the pastorate at Fryeburg, May 2, 1877. Rev. Albert Cole, of Cornish, *Moderator*; Rev. Charles D. Barrows, of Lowell, Mass., *Scribe*. The church ratified the proceedings. Record in Ch. Mir., May 5, 12, Congregationalist, May 9. Mr. S. has supplied the Swedenborgian church, Portland.

Rev. JAVAN KNAPP MASON, (Bowdoin, 1845, Bangor, 1848,) a. p. Fryeburg, from August, 1877.

Rev. HENRY HARRISON OSGOOD, resigned charge at Naples and Casco, May 6, 1877, is supplying at Waterford, and North Waterford, from May 13. Rev. Edmund C. Sherburne, who supplied North Waterford, 1875-'76, resides on a farm in Vermont, on account of ill health.

GEORGE H. BIRD, is supplying the church in Albany, a few months.

Mr. DANIEL GREENE, of Bangor Seminary, is supplying Otisfield, four months.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Albany, Dea. J. H. Lovejoy; Bridgton, J. H. Caswell; Bridgton, North, Oliver Barnard; Bridgton, South, J. P. Kimball; Brownfield, Cyrus Wentworth; Casco, Joseph Moors; Denmark, Dea. Wm. F. Davis; Fryeburg, George B. Barrows; Harrison, Howard L. Sampson; Hiram, Peleg Wadsworth; Lovell, Joseph F. Stearns; Naples, Dea. Wm. Chute; Otisfield, Dea. Silas Morton, East Otisfield; Stow and Chatham, Mrs. W. D. Jewell, Chatham, N. H.; Sweden, Dea. Isaac Eastman; Waterford, Rev. John A. Douglass; Waterford, North, Samuel H. Warren.

Rev. Henry H. Osgood, of Waterford, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference.*

UNION ASSOCIATION, formed in South Bridgton, Jan. 1, 1834. Meets the first Tuesday in March and September, and second Thursday in December.

WALDO CONFERENCE.

Organized in Searsport, June 14, 1848.—Annual meeting, second Tuesday and Wednesday in June.—Semi-annual meeting, first Tuesday and Wednesday in Oct.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING in Rockport, October 10, 11, 1876. Tuesday A. M., devotional exercises. P. M., discussion on Christian Consecration. Evening, Sermon by Rev. Wooster Parker, of Belfast. Wednesday, A. M., reports from the churches. Topics for remark: Method of conducting prayer-meetings successfully; Sabbath Schools. P. M., Conference Sermon, by Rev. Javan K. Mason, of Thomaston—Matt. 16:24, 25. The balance sheet of human activities. The Lord's Supper administered by Revs. Wooster Parker and Lewis Goodrich, of Warren.

Rev. T. E. Brastow, *Moderator*; Rev. G. W. Jones, *Scribe*.

The TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING, was held in Freedom, June 12, 13, 1877. Rev. John A. Ross, of Belfast, *Moderator*. Topics discussed—What are the hindrances to a revival at this Conference? how can the Gospel ministry become more effective for good? how shall Christians best help each other to grow in grace? how shall Sunday Schools become more effective in converting souls? when is a Christian fully discharging his duty to the unconverted? how shall religion in the family be best promoted? Report of the churches by Rev. A. N. Jones. Conference Sermon, by Rev. Thomas E. Brastow, of Rockport—John 1:29, "Behold the Lamb of God." The Lord's Supper administered by Revs. John A. Ross and Benj. B. Merrill.

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BENJAMIN BUXTON MERRILL, (Bangor 1874,) Ordained Pastor of the First church, Searsport, November 9, 1876. Rev. Professor William M. Barbour, of Bangor Seminary, *Moderator* of the Council; Rev. Wellington R. Cross, of Camden, *Scribe*. Introductory services, Rev. Thomas E. Brastow, of Rockport; Prayer, by the *Scribe*; Sermon by the *Moderator*; Ordaining prayer, Rev. Wooster Parker, of Belfast; Charge, Rev. Stephen Thurston, a former Pastor; Right-hand, Rev. John A. Ross, of Belfast; Address to the people, by Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, a former Pastor; Benediction, by the Pastor.

Rev. JONATHAN E. ADAMS, pastor from May 16, 1866, was dismissed by the same council which ordained his successor. Mr. A. was also acting pastor from Aug. 1, 1864, to May, 1866. He was elected Secretary of the Maine Missionary Society, as successor to Rev. Stephen Thurston, June 28, 1876. Dr. Thurston was elected Secretary, 1864; resigned 1876. Pastor of First church, Searsport, 1826 to 1866.

Rev. WELLINGTON ROLVIN CROSS, (Bowdoin 1861, Bangor 1865,) installed Pastor of the Elm St. Ch., Camden, Nov. 15, 1876. Rev. Wooster Parker, of Belfast, *Moderator* of Council; Rev. J. E. Adams, of Searsport, *Scribe*. Introductory services, Rev. B. S. Arey of the Methodist church; Hymn; Reading Scriptures, Rev. Lewis Goodrich, of Warren; Prayer, Rev. George W. Bower, of the Baptist church; Sermon, Rev. John A. Ross, of Belfast—Rom. 1:16. The Gospel, the power of God; Installing prayer, Rev. Javan K. Mason, of Thomaston; Charge by the *Scribe*; Right-hand, Rev. Thomas M. Davies, of Rockport; Hymn, Rev. Benj. B. Merrill, of Searsport; Address to the people, by *Moderator*; Prayer, Rev. John J. Blair, of Rockland; Benediction by the Pastor.

JOSEPH ST. JOHN, (Ottoway Coll. 1870, Bangor 1877,) a. p., Sandy Point, and Second Church, Searsport, from June, 1877.

Rev. ALBERT N. JONES, of Jackson, supplied at East Dixmont, a part of each Sabbath from May, 1877.

Rev. WOOSTER PARKER, of Belfast, supplied a church on Long Island, New York, through the winter and spring.

Rev. THOMAS M. DAVIES closed his labors in Rockport, July 29, 1877.

THE GOLDEN WEDDING OF REV. STEPHEN and MRS. CLARA MATILDA (BENSON,) THURSTON, was observed in Searsport, June 5, 1877; Reported in Ch. Mir. June 9, and Boston Journal, June 8.

CLERKS OF CHURCHES.—Belfast, 1st Ch., Rev. John A. Ross; Belfast, North, Joshua Towle, p. t.; Camden, A. D. Mansfield; Frankfort, Upton Treat; Freedom, R. Elder; Jackson and Brooks, Rev. Albert N. Jones, Jackson; Rockport, N. T. Talbot; Sandy Point, J. B. French; Searsport, 1st Ch., Rev. B. B. Merrill; Searsport, 2d Ch., J. L. Park; Unity, Ephraim Murch; Winterport, Rev. G. W. Jones.

Rev. Albert N. Jones, Jackson, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference*. Next meeting in Winterport, Oct. 2, 3, 1877.

WALDO ASSOCIATION, formed in Belfast, Nov. 10, 1830. Annual meeting in August. Assembles three times in addition, during the year. Rev. B. B. Merrill, of Searsport, *Scribe*.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

Organized in Eastport, Feb. 18, 1829.—Annual Meeting, second Tuesday and Wednesday in June.—Semi-annual Meeting, Tuesday and Wednesday—full moon—in October.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING in Robbinston, Oct. 3, 4, 1876.

Rev. Stephen L. Bowler, of Machias, *Moderator*. Opened with devotional services. Sermon by Rev. Charles Whittier, of Dennysville, Rev. 3:11. Types of Character. Conference sermon, Rev. Chas. G. McCully, of Calais. Topics for Remarks,—How can the social meeting be made more attractive and useful? What place in Church Work is occupied by Evangelists? How can the churches best promote the Temperance Reform? How can the Press make the Pulpit more effective? The condition of our churches in the country. What can be done to strengthen them? How is christian fellowship to be promoted? Bible Reading conducted by Rev. S. L. Bowler. Address on Missions with pictorial illustrations, by Rev. G. W. Kelley, of Eastport. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper administered by Revs. Chas. Whittier and Geo. W. Kelley.

The FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING was held in Eastport, June, 12—14, 1877. Dea. Peter E. Vose, of Dennysville, *Moderator*. Opening Sermon, Rev. S. L. Bowler, of Machias, 2 Pet. 3:13. Progression. Conference Sermon, Rev. J. Evarts Pond, of Milltown, Matt. 20:28. Object of Christ's mission to earth. Discussions: How shall we

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best improve the present state of religious feeling? Prayer meetings: how shall they be conducted? Colporteur work in the County: has it any peculiar value? Characteristics of a true church; the decline of theological preaching; present encouragement to Christian work. Several topics were suggested by the "Question Box." There was a Bible reading, a Sabbath School and temperance meeting of half-an-hour each; two praise meetings. The claims of the Maine Missionary Society were presented, and report of the Churches. The devotional exercises were frequent and fervent. Prayer meetings on two days, at 6 A. M. The Ordinance of the Lord's Supper, Revs. S. L. Bowler, and Chas. G. McCully, administering.

Rev. JEREMIAH EVARTS POND, (Bowdoin 1853, Bangor 1856,) acting Pastor at Milltown, N. B., from Nov., 1876. Rev. JOHN J. BLAIR, resigned June, 1876.

Rev. GEORGE WILLIAM KELLEY, (Bowdoin 1866, Bangor 1869) acting pastor at Eastport from April 16, 1877, was acting pastor in East Machias, from Aug. 17, 1873, to Nov. 26, 1876.

Rev. ELIJAH JOHN ROKE, of England, ord. June 6, 1867, a. p. at East Machias, from March 11, 1877.

Rev. SAMUEL CLEMENT FESSENDEN, (Bowdoin, 1834, Bangor, 1837,) supplying from June, 1877, at Robbinston.

A Church Manual of the First Church, Calais, has been published, 36 pages, 12 mo.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Alexander, Dea. Isaac P. Crafts; Calais, A. L. Clapp; Cherryfield, Jeremiah O. Nickels; Cooper, Mrs. A. C. Sawyer; Dennysville, Dea. Peter E. Vose; Eastport, Dea. G. A. Peabody; Machias, Dea. Warren Hill; Machias, East, Sarah B. Harris; Machiasport, J. F. Sanborne; Marshfield, Miss Melissa L. Hanscom; Northfield, George W. Smith; Pembroke, Cushing Wilder; Perry, Chas. S. Davis; Princeton, Dea. Leonard Peabody; Robbinston, Rufus Gates; Milltown, N. B., S. H. Hitchings; Topsfield, Mrs. L. Crabtree; Whiting, Mrs. Cornelia A. Chase; Whitneyville, Dea. N. Batcheller.

Dea. C. F. Stone, of Machias, *Scribe of Conference*: Dea. Geo. A. Peabody, of Eastport, *Treasurer*. Next meeting in Machias, Oct. 16, 17, 1877.

YORK CONFERENCE.

Organized in Buxton, October 1, 1822.—Annual meeting, second Tuesday in June.—Semi-annual meeting second Tuesday in October, each continue two days.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING in Limington, October 10, 11, 1876. Rev. Thomas N. Lord, *Moderator*. Opening Sermon, Rev. Benjamin P. Snow, of Alfred, Eph. 4:13. Symmetry of Christian Character. Conference Sermon, Rev. George F. Tewksbury, of Lyman, John 6:31. Topics for discussion: 1. The Bible a complete spiritual guide. 2. Aid of the Holy Spirit needed to discern the truths of the Bible, and to prompt to obedience. 3. Relation of Bible knowledge to character and influence. 4. Why and when should a public profession of religion succeed general conversion. 5. Duty of church members toward the non-church-going population, and out-lying neighborhoods. 6. Best methods of pastoral visiting. 7. Duty of church members, to promote the temporal prosperity of each other. 8. How can the promptings of the Holy Spirit be distinguished from natural thoughts? 9. When personal duty is plainly taught in the Bible, should we wait for spiritual impressions? 10. On what conditions may we expect answers to prayer? 11. Does God ever suspend the laws of nature, or change their working in answer to prayer? 12. When is God's set time to favor Zion?

On Tuesday evening, a temperance address was delivered by Rev. George P. Blanchard. A resolution in view of the theme of the address, the use of cider, was subsequently adopted, asserting the manufacture and use of cider as a beverage, to be the fountain-head of intemperance, earnestly calling the attention of the churches to this, and recommending its discontinuance.

A Resolution of thanks to Rev. John D. Emerson, for his Semi-Centennial History of York Conference, was adopted.

A prayer meeting was held at 6:30 A. M., Wednesday, and devotional exercises for a half-hour, previous to most of the sessions. The Lord's Supper administered by Revs. George S. Kemp, of Newfield, and Henry T. Arnold, of Limerick.

Sixteen of the twenty-eight Churches in the Conference were represented.

THE FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING was held with the 2d Church, Biddeford, June 12, 13, 1877. Samuel L. Boynton, of Biddeford, *Moderator*. Opening sermon, Rev. Woodbury S. Kimball, of Wells, Matt. 9:38. Laborers in the Harvest. Conference

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sermon, Rev. Thomas N. Lord, former pastor of the 2d Church, Biddeford, Heb. 12:2. "The joy set before Him."—Topics for Remarks—The church and its members; christian growth; the grace of giving; church discipline; the care of Missionary churches, and the increase and distribution of Home Missionary funds; the Church and the Parish; Christian welcome; the fellowship of the churches; the church and her children; the nurture of child-christians. A Bible meeting was held Wednesday morning. Report of the churches by Rev. W. S. Thompson.

The christian greetings and salutations of the churches in heathen lands, were presented by District Secretary, Rev. William Warren, and remarks were added by Rev. Cyrus Hamlin, of Constantinople.

Resolutions were adopted relating to mission work in the Conference. These are referred to more particularly in the latter part of the Report of the Secretary of the Maine Missionary Society.

The Lord's Supper, administered by Revs. Cyrus Hamlin and Joseph Kyte.

Rev. GEORGE ROBERT MERRILL, (Amherst 1865, Bangor 1866, Rochester, N. Y., 1867) installed pastor of Second church, Biddeford, January 2, 1877. Rev. Israel P. Warren, of Lewiston, *Moderator* of Council. Rev. Woodbury S. Kimball, of Wells, *Scribe*. Public services; Introduction by Choir, "O Lord, in mercy hear us;" Prayer, Rev. Charles H. Gates, of Kennebunk Port; Sermon, Rev. Samuel J. Spaulding, of Newburyport, Mass., John 17:4. The work of Christ, as indicating the nature and character of our work. (Extract from Sermon in Christian Mirror, Jan. 13.) Installing prayer by the *Moderator*; Anthem, "How beautiful upon the mountains;" Charge, Rev. Benjamin P. Snow, of Alfred; Fellowship of the churches, by the *Scribe;* Address to people, Rev. Edward Chase; Hymn; Benediction by pastor.

As preparatory to the installation services, there was held the week previous on Tuesday, Dec. 26, a prayer-meeting; Wednesday, a sermon by Rev. Woodbury S. Kimball, of Wells; Thursday, sermon by Rev. T. Tyrie, of Saco; Friday, Bible Reading on articles of the confession of faith; Sabbath evening, service of consecration and renewal of covenant.

Rev. JOHN D. EMERSON, pastor of the church from March 5, 1868, was by the same council called to install his successor, released from his charge. Mr. E. supplying at Underhill, and Jericho Corners, Vt.

REV. GEORGE FRANKLIN TEWKSBURY, (Bowdoin, 1833, Andover, 1837,) acting pastor in Lyman, from June 1, 1876.

REV. EDWARD CHASE, (Union, 1859, Andover, 1872,) acting pastor, Pavilion Church, in Biddeford, from Dec., 1876.

Rev. JOHN T. BLADES is called to Saco, June, 1877.

Rev. HENRY TUCKER ARNOLD, (Brown 1866, Andover 1871,) acting pastor in Limerick, from October, 1876, to May, 1877.

REV. JOHN H. CHALMERS, resigned as a. p. Pavilion Church, Biddeford. Farewell sermon preached Sept. 24, 1876. Mr. C. installed pastor, Fairhaven, Vt., Dec. 19, 1876.

REV. WALTER E. DARLING, dismissed from pastoral charge Union Church, Kennebunk, Nov. 9, 1876. Rev. Benj. Southworth, of Wells, *Moderator of Council*; Prof. James W. Littlefield, of Saco, *Scribe*. Record in Ch. Mir., Nov. 18.

REV. LEONARD Z. FERRIS, late of Gorham, has supplied this church, from April, 1877.

Rev. GEORGE P. BLANCHARD, a. p., church in Saco, from June 1, 1874, closed his labors with them, Dec. 31, 1876. Mr. B. was installed pastor, Rochester, Minnesota, July 11, 1877,—a. p. from Jan. 8.

Rev. GEORGE S. KEMP, a. p. at West Newfield, from June 26, 1864, and resigns March, 1877. Mr. J. A. Kellogg is now supplying. Mr. Kemp at West Brooksville.

Rev. CHARLES N. SINNETT resigns at Lebanon, May 6, 1877, laboring at Fort Fairfield from July 1.

Rev. THOMAS N. LORD, closed his labors at Sanford, July, 1877.

Jotham Sewall, *Lic.*, closed labors in Limerick, July, 1876, and resides in York.

The pastors in Biddeford and Saco, organized a Pastor's Conference, Oct., 1876.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Acton, Rev. Wm. S. Thompson; Alfred, Thomas Rogers; Biddeford, First Ch., John R. Staples; Biddeford Second Ch., Dr. Thomas Haley; Biddeford, Pavilion Ch., John H. Burnham; Buxton, Geo. G. Davis; Buxton Center, Osman K. Cobb; Cornish, Rev. A. Cole; Eliot, C. H. Guptill; Kennebunk, Union, Joseph T. Nason; Kennebunk Port, Woodbury Smith; Kennebunk Port, South, J. L. Cole; Kittery Point, Dea. Charles Duncan; Lebanon, Dea. John E. Moody, Lebanon Center; Limerick, W. Adams; Limington, Leonard J. Strout; Lyman, Dymon

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Roberts; Newfield, West, E. H. Symes; Parsonsfield, H. G. O. Smith, of Limington; Saco, Andrew W. Hewes; Sanford, George Gowen, a. c.; Sanford, South, Jeremiah L. Moulton; Shapleigh, James Coffin, *Treasurer;* South Berwick, Rev. Geo. Lewis; Wells, First Ch., John W. Hubbard; Wells, Second Ch., John Goodwin; York, First Ch., Rev. David B. Sewall; York, Second Ch., Rev. Joseph Freeman.

Rev. Reuben D. Osgood, of Limington, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference.* Rev. William S. Thompson, of Acton, *Reporter.*

Next meeting in Limington, October 9, 10, 1877.

YORK ASSOCIATION, organized in Arundel (now Kennebunkport,) Oct. 27, 1817; meets on the first Tuesday of February and May, and the last Tuesday in September; Rev. Joseph Kyte, Buxton, *Scribe.* Met in Alfred, October 31, 1876, and June 23; Orchard Beach, July 11, 1877.

The ministers in South Berwick, Eliot, York and Kittery, are connected with the PISCATAQUA ASSOCIATION, formed in Kittery, October 24, 1781. Annual meeting, third Tuesday in April; other meetings on the third Tuesday of July, October, and January. Rev. Isaac C. White, of New Market, N. H., *Scribe.* Met at Rye, N. H., Oct 17, 1876; Belknap Ch., Dover, N. H., Jan. 16, 1877; Great Falls, N. H., April 17.

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Thomas F. Norris.....Lagrange....39
George W. Osgood.....Lee....32
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Charles A. Perry, Marshfield & Whitneyville.....43
H. Reynolds.....New Portland....40
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Leonard B. Tenney, Dedham, Holden....39
Lewis J. Thomas.....Oldtown....34
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In the list of occasional discourses before the General Conference of Maine, during the last half-century, referred to in Minutes 1876, page 88, some blanks were left, which could not then be filled. One can now be supplied. The text of Rev. David Shepley, in 1831, was Rom. 7:9. The venerable writer, now residing in Providence, R. I., who still retains his interest in Maine and her institutions, refers to this discourse, and other topics, in a letter to a friend, published in Ch. Mir., Aug. 4, 1877.

In the Record of Ministers in New Hampshire, so fully given by Rev. H. A. Hazen, in the Congregational Quarterly for Oct., 1875, vol. 17, p. 546–574, and April, 1876, vol, 18, p. 274–314, there are 253 who have been pastors, or acting pastors, of churches in Maine.

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PASTORS ORDAINED AND INSTALLED FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 6, 1877.

Jonathan Edwards	East Orrington	June 15, 1876	Minutes, 1877, p. 55
Warren F. Bickford	Winthrop	June 20, 1876	Minutes, 1877, p. 52
Osgood W. Rogers	Farmington	June 21, 1876	Minutes, 1877, p. 50
Frank E. Clark	Williston Ch., Portland	Oct. 19, 1876	Minutes, 1877, p. 48
Benjamin B. Merrill	Searsport, First Ch.	Nov. 9, 1876	Minutes, 1877, p. 59

ORDAINED AS EVANGELIST.

David L. Jones	South Freeport	Aug. 24, 1876	Minutes, 1877, p. 48

PASTORS DISMISSED FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 6, 1877.

Burke F. Leavitt	Williston Ch. Portland	May 11, 1876	Minutes, 1876, p. 60
Wellington R. Cross	Orono	June 23, 1876	Minutes, 1876, p. 71
Jeremiah E. Pond	Hampden	Oct. 31, 1876	Minutes, 1877, p. 55
Jonathan E. Adams	Searsport First Ch.	Nov. 9, 1876	Minutes, 1877, p. 59
Walter E. Darling	Kennebunk, Union Ch.	Nov. 9, 1876	Minutes, 1877, p. 61
Leonard Z. Ferris	Gorham	Jan. 2, 1877	Minutes, 1877, p. 49
John P. Evans	Cape Elizabeth, Ligonia ch	April 12, 1877	Minutes, 1877, p. 49
Baman N. Stone	Fryburg	May 5, 1877	Minutes, 1877, p. 58

PASTOR DECEASED FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 6, 1877.

Andrew J. Smith	Waterford	Nov. 16, 1876	Minutes, 1877, p. 65

MINISTERS RESIGNED, OR ASKED DISMISSION.

John J. Blair	Milltown, N. B.	June, 1876	Minutes, 1877, p. 60
John R. Chalmers	Biddeford, Pavilion Ch.	June, 1876	Minutes, 1877, p. 61
Jotham Sewall	Limerick	July, 1876	Minutes, 1877, p. 61
Edward R. Osgood	West Brooksville	Sep., 1876	Minutes, 1877, p. 51
William S. Sewall	Athens	Sep., 1876	Minutes, 1877, p. 57
George W. Kelley	East Machias	Nov., 1876	Minutes, 1877, p. 60
George P. Blanchard	Saco	Dec., 1876	Minutes, 1877, p. 61
Alfred E. Ives	Castine	Dec., 1876	Minutes, 1877, p. 51
Ebenezer Bean	Fort Fairfield	Feb., 1877	Minutes, 1877, p. 47
Ernest F. Borchers	North Yarmouth	Mar., 1877	Minutes, 1877, p. 49
Herbert R. Howes	Gray	Mar., 1877	Minutes, 1877, p. 49
Charles L. Mills	Norway	Mar., 1877	Minutes, 1877, p. 54
Henry H. Osgood	Naples and Casco	May, 1877	Minutes, 1877, p. 58
John Haskell	Newcastle, First Ch.	June, 1877	Minutes, 1877, p. 53
Ezra B. Pike	Boothbay	June, 1877	Minutes, 1877, p. 53
Charles N. Sinnett	Lebanon	June, 1877	Minutes, 1877, p. 61
Ezra N. Smith	Solon	June, 1877	Minutes, 1877, p. 57
Thomas M. Davies	Rockport	July, 1877	Minutes, 1877, p. 59
George S. Kemp	West Newfield	July, 1877	Minutes, 1877, p. 61

Pastors ordained, five; evangelist ordained, one; pastors dismissed, eight; minister deceased, one; ministers formerly residing in the State, deceased, seven.

Average ministerial age of 171 ordained ministers now in the State, 25¼ years; of 41 who have no pastoral charge, 35½ years; of the others, (130) 14¼ years.

Of the ordained ministers, seven have been in the ministry from 51 to 62 years, average, 56 years; ten, from 41 to 50 years, average, 45 years; twenty-one, from 31 to 40 years, average, 37 years; twenty-seven, from 21 to 30 years, average, 26 years; forty-eight, from 11 to 20 years, average, 16 years; fifty-eight, from 1 to 11 years, average, 5 years.

Average time of settlement of fifty-five, over the churches of which they are now pastors, 7¾ years; these have been in the ministry, average, 13 years each. Average time of settlement of seventy-five acting pastors, all of whom are ordained ministers, 4¼ years; these have been in the ministry, average, 15¾ years each.

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DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL.

To be held in Detroit, Mich., October 17, 1877, at 11 o'clock A. M.

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF MAINE.—Rev. Charles G. McCully, of Calais; Rev. Wm. H. Fenn, of Portland; Dea. Henry F. Eaton, of Milltown, *Primaries.* Rev. Levi L. Paine, of Bangor; Hon. Joshua Nye, of Augusta; Hon. Joseph Titcomb, of Kennebunk, *Alternates.*

AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE.—Rev. Wm. A. Merrill, of Sherman Mills, *Primary.* Dea. F. M. Caldwell, of Sherman Mills, *Substitute.*

CUMBERLAND.—Rev. Ezra H. Byington, of Brunswick; Rev. Edward Y. Hincks, of Portland; Dea. Charles A. Lord of Portland; Hon. Nelson Dingley, Jr., of Lewiston, *Primaries.* Rev. Addison Blanchard, of Cumberland Mills; Rev. Anson P. Tinker, of Auburn; Dea. T. G. Mitchell, of Yarmouth; Dea. Wm. H. Hobbs of Portland, *Substitutes.*

FRANKLIN.—Rev. John W. H. Baker, of New Sharon.

HANCOCK.—Rev. Wm. Forsyth, of Bucksport.

KENNEBEC.—Hon. Simon Page, of Hallowell, *Primary.* Rev. James H. Ecob, of Augusta, *Substitute.*

LINCOLN & SAGADAHOC.—Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath; Rev. Andrew J. McLeod, of Waldoboro; Geo. B. Kenniston, of Boothbay, *Primaries.* Rev. Flavius V. Norcross, of Union; Rev. William F. Obear, of New Castle; Hon. Wales Hubbard, of Wiscasset.

OXFORD.—Hon. Enoch W. Woodbury, of Bethel; Rev. Andrew J. Benedict, of Gorham, N. H.

PENOBSCOT.—Rev. George W. Field, of Bangor; Hon. Joseph S. Wheelwright, of Bangor, *Primaries.* Rev. Solomon P. Fay, of Bangor; Prof. M. C. Fernald, of Orono, *Substitutes.*

PISCATAQUIS.—Rev. Charles L. Nichols, of Brownville, *Primary.* Dea. Charles H. B. Woodbury, of Foxcroft; Rev. Charles Davison, of Greenville; Hon. Adams H. Merrill, of Brownville, *Substitutes.*

SOMERSET.—Rev. Thomas G. Mitchell, of Madison, *Primary.* Rev. Webster Woodbury, of Skowhegan, *Substitute.*

UNION.—Rev. John W. Brownville, of South Bridgton; Rev. Josiah P. Stinchfield, of Lovell.

WALDO.—Rev. Stephen Thurston, of Searsport, *Primary.* Rev. Wooster Parker, of Belfast, *Substitute.*

WASHINGTON.—Rev. Stephen L. Bowler, of Machias; Lyman C. Bailey, of Calais.

YORK.—Rev. Benjamin P. Snow, of Alfred; Rev. George Lewis, of South Berwick; Hon. Joseph Titcomb, of Kennebunk.

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NECROLOGY.

One pastor has been removed by death, and seven former ministers; average age, 66.

ANDREW JACKSON SMITH, November 16, 1876, in Waterford, æt 40.

Mr. S. was born in Swan Island Plantation, Hancock Co., September 10, 1836. He visited Bangor in 1857, in his sailor garb, and made known his wish to obtain a more thorough education than he had received in the common school in his youth. In January, 1858, he was converted. He sold a share in a vessel for $500, and said to a friend, "Now for College, and the Theological Seminary." He entered Bowdoin College, in 1859, and graduated in 1863, although unable from failing health, to perform his graduating part. From the Bangor Theological Seminary, he graduated in 1866. Ordained pastor at Rockport, 1866, Nov. 7; dismissed 1868, July 27. Acting pastor, First and Second churches, Boothbay, 1868, August, to 1872, May 25. Acting pastor at Waterford from 1872, July 1; installed Colleague Pastor, September 11, 1873. He was a faithful preacher and Pastor, devoted to his work, and steadily gaining in the affections of his people. He had long been a sufferer from pulmonary disease, and had not been able to preach but a few times, for several months before his decease. His last sermon was given October 15, 1876.

He possessed a sound, logical, and discriminating mind, a good common judgment of men and things, a retentive memory, and a firm yet governable will. His convictions of truth were very decided. He believed, and therefore spoke.

Funeral services were held in the church, November 18, conducted by Revs. N. Lincoln, of North Bridgton, J. W. H. Baker, of New Sharon, and J. W. Brownville, of South Bridgton. Ob. by Rev. J. E. A., Ch. Mir., January 20, 1877, and H. A. H., Cong. Quar., July 1877, p. 42.

FORMER MINISTERS.

HAZAEL LUCAS, April 13, 1876, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, æt 75.

Mr. L. was born in Carver, Mass., April 16, 1801, the son of Bezaleel and Rhoda (Shurtleff) Lucas. He studied in 1830–31, at Bangor Theological Seminary, and afterwards with Revs. Benjamin Whitmore and Frederic Freeman, of Plymouth, Mass. He was ordained Evangelist in Plymouth, April, 1831. Acting Pastor at Perry, from April 1831 to 1833, supplying part of the time at Robbinston, Barry and Cooper. Acting Pastor at Limington, from October 1833, to 1834. He then went to Sanbornton, N. H., 1836–7; Northfield, a. p., 1837–8. Installed Pastor, Hill, N. H., May 2, 1838; dismissed, January 16, 1839. In 1846 he went to Michigan, laboring in Oshtemo and Schoolcroft, two years; Wing Lake, 1848–9; Royal Oak, 1850–1; Spring Lake, 1851–2; Granville, 1854–5; St. Joseph, 1856–7; Newaygo, 1858; Lowell, from June 1, 1859; Grand Rapids, 1860; Big Rapids, 1861–65; Maple Rapids, 1866–69; St. Morris and Genesee 1868–71; Namica, 1872–74; Croton, from 1874 until his death.

Mr. L. was peculiarly adapted to pioneer missionary work, and performed it with great fidelity and diligence.

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He wrote from Namica, in 1874, "God has given me some success in the work of gathering churches, and leading souls to Christ. About five hundred since I came to Michigan, have been brought to the Saviour, during my poor ministry; and many of these have gone to rest." He left his home at Croton, April 6, for Grand Rapids, was taken ill, and died the following week. His last days were full of the consolation of that same Gospel, which he had for so many years preached to others. Statistics, by H. A. H., Cong. Quar. July 1877, p. 419.

JOSEPH UNDERWOOD, in East Hardwick, Vt., July 27, 1876, æt 80.

Mr. U. was born in Bradford, Vt., Oct. 23, 1796. Graduated at Bangor Seminary, 1824. Installed Pastor at New Sharon, March 7, 1826. Dis. Nov. 16, 1831—Acting Pastor Feb. 26, 1837, to Sept. 8, 1839, in New Sharon, and Pastor at Williamsburg, Oct. 16, 1833, to Aug. 5, 1835.

In 1825 he supplied at Wilton; in 1827 he fulfilled missionary labors, portions of the year in Mercer, Starks and Knox; Fayette in 1827-8; Industry, 1827-30; North Augusta, 1832-3; Sebec 1834-5; Foxcroft, Dover, Atkinson, Milo and Bradford, 1835-7. He was Pastor at Millport, (Veteran,) New York, 1841, Feb. 28 to 1843; Hardwick, Vt., 1846, Dec. 9, to 1858, Feb. 2; East Burk, Vt., a. p. 1858-9, and '70-'72; Barnet, Vt., 1860, Jan., to 1866, June; East Hardwick, Vt., resident from 1872 until his death.

The Installation services at Williamsburg, Me., were held in the upper story of a large barn, on a threshing floor, well furnished with seats, etc. The installation sermon was by Rev. Silas McKeen, of Belfast, Me., now residing in Bradford, Vt. One old lady present, was the daughter of the minister at whose house Whitefield died, and who heard the exhortation he gave from the stairs to the people at the door, as he retired the night before his death. (Statistics H. A. H., Con'l Quar., July, 1877, p. 426.)

SAMUEL ORDWAY, in Marshalltown, Iowa, November 2, 1876, of heart disease, æt 68.

Mr. O., son of Samuel and Sarah (Morse) Ordway, was born in Amesbury, Mass., March 12, 1808. Grad. Bangor Seminary, 1838. Ord. Parsonsfield, Dec. 5, 1838; dis. Sep. 8, 1841, and acting pastor 1855-6. Acting Pastor Auburn, N. H., Sep. 1841—June, 1846; He then went to Illinois, supplying at Wethersfield 1847-50; Lawn Ridge, and Northampton 1850-5; Lawn Ridge 1858-1864; Neponset 1864-66; Wethersfield 1870-72. Without charge, Kewanee, till death. He supplied for two years (1856-7) the 4th Ch., in Beverly, Mass. H. A. H., Cong'l Quar. July, 1877, p. 421.

"He was a sound, evangelical and solemn preacher, and an earnest, faithful pastor; true and firm in doctrine; a judicious counseller." Ob. by R. M. S., Minutes of Illinois 1877, p. 66.

WILLIAM TURNER DICKSON, in Sunbury, Pa. Feb. 7, 1877, æt 65.

Mr. D. was born in Lawrenceburgh, Butler Co., Pa., Dec. 21, 1811, and removed to Missouri in the emigration of 1830-5. He completed his education at Marion College, and studied Theology with Dr. Ezra Stiles Ely; was an inmate of his family, and succeeded him in the pastorate of the West Ely Church. His health requiring a change of climate, he visited New England, and in 1853, March 13, became acting pastor of the church in Eastport, remaining to Oct. 19, 1855. He returned to Pennsylvania, engaging in educational and ministerial work in North Hope, Wolf Creek, and elsewhere. During the war, he was Chaplain of the 11th Penn. Regiment.

Mr. D. was of a lovely, cheerful, confiding spirit, of modest, winning address, an Israelite indeed, in whom was no guile. His death was occasioned by neuralgia of the heart. After a few days from the first attack, he thought he should recover, but the next day, while sitting in his chair, his spirit quietly left its earthly tabernacle, and was ushered into its new home. Ch. Mir., Mar. 17.

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SEWALL PAINE, in Montgomery, Vt., March 4, 1877, æt 71.

Mr. P. was born in Leicester, Mass., Nov. 1, 1806. Removed to Mercer, Me., in 1821. Graduated from Bowdoin College, 1835; Bangor Seminary, 1838. Preached a few months in Rumford, Blanchard and Monson. In July, 1840, went to Granville, New York, and spent a year. At Quechee, Vt., till March, 1842; then to Montgomery, Vt., where he was installed Feb. 22, 1843; stricken down in 1864, having completed 22 years of labor. Returning from an evening meeting, March 1st, he was thrown from a sleigh, and injured, so that he died on the following Sabbath. Notice in Ch. Mirror, by C. D., March 24.

JOHN SPENCER CABOT ABBOTT, in Fairhaven, Conn., Sabbath morning, June 17, 1877, æt 72.

Mr. A. was born in Brunswick, Maine, Sept. 18, 1805. Fitted for College with Rev. Hezekiah Packard, Wiscasset; graduated at Bowdoin College, 1825; Andover Seminary 1829; ordained Pastor, Worcester, Mass., 1830, January 28; dismissed 1835; Pastor Elliott church, Roxbury, Mass., May, 1835, to 1841; Nantucket, Mass., Aug., 1841, to Dec., 1843. From 1844, he devoted himself to authorship, supplying during the time, destitute parishes. He resided in New York from Dec., 1843, to May, 1851; in Brunswick, May 1851, to March 1859; in New Haven, Conn., and in Fairhaven, from 1861 to his death. While in New York, he was for a few years Principal of a Young Ladies' Institute; while in Maine, he supplied the church in Durham, 1856-7; Freeport, 1857-8; South Freeport, July 9, 1857, (the time the church was organized) to 1859. Farmington, 1858, to April, 1860. While in Connecticut, he supplied the Howe St. church for a time; also at Cheshire and Fairhaven. The "Mother at Home" was his first publication, (in 1833.) It has been translated into several European languages, and into the Greek, Turkish, and Tamul languages of Asia. The "Child at Home," followed soon after. His history of Napoleon was published in 1855; history of the late civil war, in 1866. History of Maine, in 1875. These and other American Histories comprise fifty volumes. List furnished in Notice, Congregationalist, June 14, 1877. Notice by R. B. Howard, Ch. Mir. July 21.

ALVAN JONES BATES, in Lincoln, Me., July 29, 1877, æt 57.

Mr. B. was born in Holden, Me., April 12, 1820. His preliminary education was acquired in the Bangor Classical School, and Gorham Academy, and he graduated from Bangor Seminary, in 1847. His ministry was commenced in Lincoln, Sept. 17, 1847. Ordained as Evangelist, Sept. 27, 1849; and remaining here to Feb. 21, 1865. In Sept. 2, 1862, he was commissioned as Chaplain in the Army, and was with the Second Maine Regiment, in the Army of the Potomac, and with the Fourteenth Maine, in the Department of the Gulf, and Shenandoah Valley. After a faithful service, he was mustered out, January 13, 1865. In connection with Mr. Bates' labors at Lincoln, he also supplied Springfield, Carroll and Lee, a few months from June 25, 1851, and from June 27, 1854; at Passadumkeag a portion of the time from 1855 to 1857; and at Burlington, 1862-3. On his return from the army, he went to Harwich Port, Mass., and was acting pastor of the Pilgrim Church, from Feb. 25, 1865, to 1868; and at Saundersville, in the town of Grafton, Mass., June 1, 1868. Installed pastor, June 22, 1869. Mr. B. had left his charge in S., for a brief vacation in Maine. He was at Lincoln, and designing to preach on the Sabbath. He had met with the Sabbath School, and had addressed them, and was on his way to a friend's house to remain until the afternoon service, when he faltered and fell, and soon after being carried into the house, he died of heart disease. The body was carried to Saundersville, where funeral services were held.

Mr. B. was an earnest, diligent and successful laborer in the vineyard of the Lord, much beloved by all.

Obituary in Ch. Mir., Aug. 4, 11, by D.; Cong., Aug. 8, by W. T. S.

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ADDITIONAL NOTICES.

Reminiscences by George H. Shirley, of Brooklyn, N. Y., in Ch. Mir., July 29, 1876, of the connection of Arthur Shirley with the Mirror, and of ministers and laity,—Revs. CHARLES FREEMAN, EDWARD PAYSON, JAMES CARRUTHERS, CHARLES JENKINS, CARLTON HURD, CHARLES PACKARD, Dea. JOSEPH LIBBEY, Capt. WILLIAM LADD, and others; and by John Hemmenway, of William Ladd, in Ch. Mir., Nov. 18, 1876; of Rev. ELIPHALET GILLETT, (first Pastor Hallowell, 1795–1827; Sec'y Maine Missionary Society, 1807–'14; Cor. Sec., 1814–'36;) by Rev. John S. C. Abbott, Cong., Feb. 28, 1877; of Revs. Charles Jenkins, Edward Payson, A. Cummings, Perez and Horace B. Chapin, James Drummond, Samuel H. Shepley, Bennett Tyler, J. B. Condit, J. Vaill, W. T. Dwight, and Caleb Bradley, by E. P. Weston, Ch. Mir., July 21, 1877, and by the same in Mirror July 28, of Revs. T. Pomeroy, J. R. Adams, Elijah Jones, G. E. Adams, William Smythe, T. C. Upham, Caleb Hobart, and Isaac Weston; of Rev. JAMES WESTON, (Minutes 1870, p. 31,) by Rev. Charles N. Sinnett, Ch. Mir., March 31, 1877; of Rev. ANDREW J. ROGERS, (Minutes 1876, p. 93,) in Minutes of Vermont, 1876, p. 79, and Cong. Quar., July, 1877, p. 424; of Revs. THOMAS W. DUNCAN, ISAAC ESTY, ROBERT PAGE, SAMUEL H. RIDDELL, and EUGENE H. TITUS, Minutes 1876, pp. 90–94, in the Minutes of New Hampshire for 1876, pp. 67–71, and Cong. Quar., July, 1877, pp. 407, 414, 421, 424, 426.

SAMUEL PIERCE, in Atkinson, N. H., March 27, 1844, æt 27. Born in Haverhill, Mass., July 16, 1816. Graduated Dartmouth College, 1835; Andover Seminary, 1840. Acting Pastor, Durham, Me., 1842. Ordained Atkinson, N. H., April 19, 1843.

JOSEPH PEART, died in Albany, Kansas, July 11, 1868, æt 79. He was a native of England, where he preached many years; at one time to seamen, in the floating chapel, Liverpool harbor, and with marked success. About twenty years since he came to Nova Scotia. He was acting-pastor in Jonesboro and Whitneyville, Nov., 1856, to May, 1859; at Northfield, 1857 to 1859. He afterwards went to Michigan, thence to the charge of a church in Albany, Kansas. In his prime he was an eloquent preacher. (Advance, Aug. 13, 1868.) Minutes 1868, p. 107.

REUBEN S. KENDALL, died June 20, 1873. Ordained Pastor, Machias, Dec. 21, 1845; dismissed July 25, 1847; acting-pastor in Freeport, 1858–9.

PINDAR FIELD, Old Town, 1824–6. Died in Hamilton, N. H., Nov. 24, 1873, æt 80. Minutes 1874, p. 38. Notice by Rev. George Hardy, Madison, Wis., in Congregational Quarterly, October, 1876, pp. 493–509, with a portrait.

HORACE TOOTHAKER, in Congregational Quarterly, April, 1877, p. 321, by J. W. H. B. Mr. T. died March 1, 1875. Minutes 1875, pp. 37, 80; 1876, p. 95.

SIMEON HACKETT and JOHN BOYNTON, Minutes 1876, pages 92, 93; Statistics by H. A. H., Cong. Quar., July 1877, pages 411, 417.

HORATIO BALCH HACKETT, in Rochester, N. Y., November 2, 1875, æt 67. His native place, Salisbury, Mass., 1808, Dec. 27; Graduated, Amherst College, 1830; Andover Seminary, 1834. Supplied the church in Calais, 1834. Professor of Latin and Greek, Brown University, 1835-9; ordained, Dec. 8, 1839; Professor of Biblical Literature and Interpretation, Newton Theological Institute, 1839-1868; and in Rochester Theological Seminary, N. Y., 1870-75. (Memorial published, 1 volume, 303 pp.)

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REPORT OF THE VISITING COMMITTEE

TO THE

BANGOR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, 1877.

To those who visited our Theological Seminary at its fifty-seventh Anniversary, or read the full report given in the Mirror of June 9, it may seem superfluous, to add to what they have seen or read. But for the good of those who were not present we submit the following report.

The number of students connected with the Seminary at present, is as large, if not larger, than that of many years previous, exhibiting a variety of talent.

The examinations were well sustained, and though informed by the Faculty that a number of different denominations were there represented, yet we failed to distinguish in the tenets of the schools, those minor points which separate Evangelical churches as prominent, but rather the great moving, all-important doctrines of christianity.

Never in the history of the church was a more thorough Evangelical ministry needed than to-day. The people of God have become satisfied that the din and tumult of modern civilization cannot satisfy the wants of the soul; the cry of to-day is, for more and more of spiritual capital; more of the teachings of Christ and his apostles. This demand we should strive to meet; and we see no way of meeting it, except by a more thorough study of God's word. The first year in our Seminary is devoted to this end. This important year by many Theological students, is entirely overlooked, for the reason, your committee presume, that young men upon entering the Seminary, have too insufficient a knowledge of classics to enable them to appreciate the scriptures in the original.

Therefore we venture to suggest to the Trustees of the Seminary, whether it might not be expedient to avail themselves of the services of the present assistant in this department, during vacations or otherwise, so as by some means to qualify such students as now enter the Seminary at a disadvantage, for a more satisfactory and careful training in exegesis. If for any reason this suggestion is not perfectly practicable, the same result in substance might be reached by continuing the study of the Scriptures in the original languages, during the whole Seminary course.

Much commendation is due to the executive committee for their judicious investments of the seminary fund. Not one dollar of the $170.000 invested by them, but that to-day is paying interest; and taking it as a whole, it is

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paying over 7 per cent. This, in a day of frequent bankruptcy, and more frequent suspension of payment on bonds, speaks loudly for the future of the Seminary.

It is with feelings of the deepest regret that we have to report the resignation of Professor William M. Barbour. Though the ties which bound him to our Conference and Seminary are severed; yet that stronger tie, the union of heart, will only, as the years roll on, grow stronger, and often will the thoughts of those of us who have sat under his instructions, bound over sea and land, and where he is, there will they be also. May the God of all grace, whose he is, and whom he serves, go with him and his beloved family, in their new field of labor, and may happiness and prosperity ever attend them, and may He who guided the Trustees in their choice, when we in the Seminary were asking who shall fill the place of Professor Shepard, still direct their course in filling the present vacancy.

In behalf of the Committee, A. J. McLEOD.

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Rev. JOHN SMITH SEWALL, A. M., FOGG Professor of Sacred Rhetoric and Oratory 1875
————BUCK Professor of Christian Theology, and Lecturer on Pastoral Duties.

Term commences Sept. 20, 1877,—fifteen weeks from the Anniversary,—which is held on the Thursday following the first Wednesday in June. Examination of classes, and Society addresses, on Tuesday and Wednesday previous.

THE FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SEMINARY....1877.

June 4.—Monday Evening.—Anniversary of the Rhetorical Society.—Four Orations by two members each, of the Junior and Middle classes.

June 5.—Tuesday Evening.—Address by Rev. E. S. Atwood, of Salem, Mass.—Theme—The preacher's outfit.

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June 6.—Wednesday P. M.—ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ALUMNI.—Henry V. Emmons, (1859) *President;* James H. Crosby, (1865) *Vice-President;* John S. Sewall, (1858) *Secretary*; Geo. W. Field, (1846) of Bangor, Herbert A. Loring, (1875) of Foxcroft, *Executive Committee.* The subject for discussion—Evangelism.

Alumni deceased.—Joseph Underwood, (1824) at East Hardwick, Vt.—July 27, 1876, æt 80; Hazael Lucas, (1831) at Grand Rapids, Mich.—April 13, 1876, æt 75; Samuel Ordway, (1838) at Marshalltown, Iowa,—Nov. 2, 1876, æt 68; Sewall Paine, (1838) at Montgomery, Vt.—March 4, 1877, æt 71; John M. Stowe, (1854) at Hubbardstown, Mass.—May 9, 1877, æt 53; Andrew J. Smith, (1866) at Waterford,—Nov. 16, 1876, æt 40; Henry B. Smith, at the Seminary in 1838, finishing his course at Andover, and Germany, *New York, February 7, 1877, æt 62.

Wednesday Evening.—Graduating exercises of senior class—numbering fifteen,—eight of whom delivered addresses.

The Trustees of the Seminary, passed a vote, commemorative of George W. Pickering's long connection with its interests.—Forty years a trustee; from 1860, Vice-President of the Board. *Bangor, Sept. 28, 1876, æt 77.

The resignation of Professor William M. Barbour was accepted, and a committee appointed to select and recommend a successor. Prof. Barbour accepts a call to Yale College, as Chittenden Professor of Divinity, and College Pastor.

BOWDOIN COLLEGE, BRUNSWICK.

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* This list is necessarily incomplete, as there are some appointments to chairs of instruction yet to be made.

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Fall Term commences Thursday, Sept. 27, 1877. Commencement Day, Thursday, July 11, 1878.

The Reading room is fully furnished with newspapers and magazines, and it is now a first-class Reading Room.

The "Praying Circle" of the College was instituted July 22, 1815, and meets Sabbath morning. These meetings are open to all who desire to attend. The object of this association is: "The religious edification of its members, the promotion of vital godliness in the College, and prayer for the universal spread of the gospel."

Commencement morning, a prayer-meeting was held under direction of the Bowdoin Praying Circle. The interest attending this meeting, justifies it as a permanent arrangement.

BACCALAUREATE DISCOURSE, July 8, 1877, by PRESIDENT CHAMBERLAIN, *Text*, Exo. 19:6, "A Kingdom of Priests." The state a divine institution; the responsibilities and duties of individuals; the responsibilities and importance of social influence.

Monday, July 9.—Junior prize exhibition.

Tuesday, July 10.—Class Day, A. M., in the church; P. M. in the grove.

Wednesday, July 11.—Seventy-first anniversary of the Alumni. Address by Rev. John Cotton Smith, D. D., of New York, (Alumni 1847,) The American Republic. The divine preparation in the development of modern history, and the circumstances of American civilization. The problems, political corruption, and party strife; the conflict of races; pauperism. The future of the republic.

P. M.—Meeting of Phi Beta Kappa.—Concert in the evening.

Thursday, July 12.—Graduating exercises of Senior class. Twelve addresses. Speeches by Gov. Connor and others at dinner. Reception by the President in the evening.

Friday, July 13.—Meeting of the Maine Historical Society.

HALLOWELL CLASSICAL AND SCIENTIFIC ACADEMY.

Incorporated February 8, 1872.

The past year of the Classical School has been one of most gratifying success, in respect to the amount of work accomplished, of growth in numbers, in efficiency and reputation. The class graduated at the close of the year, was one of marked ability and fine scholarship, and the graduation exercises were listened to with much interest. That the School is fulfilling to the fullest extent, the wishes and aims of its founders, cannot be questioned, and its effort will be to attain to still higher excellence. No scholar of either sex need seek out of the State, for a school of the highest order.

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Miss H. F. CHARLES, Matron of Gentlemen's Boarding Hall.

EQUIPMENTS.—A suitable boarding-house has been provided for the accomodation of the young men, while the large and elegant building recently erected, will be appropriated to the use of the young ladies. The building is lighted by gas and heated by steam throughout, furnished with bathing rooms, and abundantly supplied with pure spring water. The Scientific Department is furnished with new and extensive apparatus.

The lady principal resides in the hall with the young ladies, and has special supervision of their deportment; while the assistant male teacher lives in the young men's boarding hall, and has the same care over its inmates.

The school year is divided into three terms; the fall consisting of twelve; the winter of fourteen; and the spring term of thirteen weeks.

For further information address the Principal, or the Secretary, Rev. H. F. HARDING, Hallowell, Me.

BIBLE SOCIETIES IN MAINE.

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Androscoggin County	Lewiston	Douglass & Cook.
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Bangor Young Men's	Bangor	E. F. Duren.
Brunswick	Brunswick	Jordan Snow.
Bucksport, union	Bucksport	Rev. W. H. Pillsbury.
Castine, &c., union	Castine	Samuel Adams.
Deer Isle	Deer Isle	H. R. Haskell.
Eastern Maine Association	Bluehill	Mrs. Thomas.
Franklin County	Farmington	Charles A. Allen.
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Lincoln County	Bath	Henry A. Chandler.
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Waldo County	Belfast	Conant & Co.
Warren	Warren	I. P. Starrett.
Washington County	Dennysville	William Allen.
Washington County	Nine other towns	See p. 67, Min. 1875.
York County	Alfred	William G. Conant.

Rev. William H. Gilbert, Superintendent for A. B. S., in New England, P. O. Address, 86 York street, New Haven, Conn.

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Auditor.—Mr. Edward Gould, Portland.

Sixty auxiliaries were reported in Minutes last year, page 107. Three have been organized this year at Acton, Calais and Milltown. Whole number of auxiliaries, sixty-three. Mission circles, thirty-three.

Receipts for the year, $3743.84 including a legacy of $550, from Mrs. Charles W. Jenkins, of Portland.

Meeting of the State Auxiliary, in Calais, June 27, 1877, (see page 20.)

The pledged work for the year entered upon, is the support of the School at Mardin, Eastern Turkey.—Mrs. Andrus, Miss Sears, and Miss Pratt, teachers; the School at Badesag, Western Turkey, Miss Farnham, teacher; and the School, Unzumbi, South Africa, under the care of Mrs. Bridgman, Miss Pinkerton, and Miss Welch. It is hoped that the work in Africa may be extended, and possibly the support of a teacher in that field assumed. The general work of the Woman's Board will be contributed to as usual.

CONGREGATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF THE UNITED STATES.—Organized Nov. 17, 1871. Meets Triennially.

Met in Oberlin, Nov. 17, 1871—New Haven, Sept. 30, 1874. Next meeting Detroit, Oct. 17, 1877.

Gen. Association of New Hampshire	Great Falls,	Sept. 11, 1877
General Convention of Vermont	Portland,	June 11, 1878
Gen. Asso. of Cong'l Chs. of Massachusetts	Fall River	June 18, 1878
Gen. Conference of Cong'l Chs. of Connecticut	Hartford, 1st Ch.,	Nov. 13, 1877
Rhode Island Cong'l Conference	Peacedale,	June 11, 1878
Gen. Association of New York	Gloversville,	Oct. 16, 1877
Gen. Association of New Jersey	Woodbridge, N. J.,	Oct. 9, 1877
Gen. Association of Michigan	East Saginaw	May 14, 1878
Ohio Congregational Conference	Sandusky,	May 7, 1878
Gen. Asso. of Con. Chs. and Ministers, Indiana	Peru	May 9, 1878

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Gen. Association of Illinois.....Galesburg,.....May 27, 1878
Gen. Asso. of Cong'l Chs. in Missouri.....St. Louis,.....Oct. 18, 1877
Gen. Association of Iowa.....Tabor,.....May 29, 1878
Gen. Cong'l Conference of Minnesota.....Fairibault.....Oct. 11, 1877
Pres. and Cong'l Convention of Wisconsin.....La Crosse.....Sept. 27, 1877
Gen. Asso. of Con. Ministers and Chs. in Kansas.Lawrence.....June 5, 1878
Cong'l Gen. Association of Oregon.....Oregon City.....June 20, 1878
Cong'l Association of California.....Sacramento, 1st Ch.....Oct. 9, 1877

Colorado Conference of Congregational Churches, Plattville, Oct. 25, 1877.

Connecticut General Association, Meriden, June 18, 1878.

Dakota, General Association, Yankton, Oct. 18, 1877.

Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, and Mississippi, Central South Conference, Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 8, 1877.

South Western Conference—Louisiana.

Kentucky State Association of Christian Churches and Ministers.

Nebraska, Congregational Association, Crete, Oct. 24, 1877.

Texas, Congregational Conference, July 12, 1878.

Pennsylvania Welsh Eastern Asso., Mahoney, Hyde Park, Sept. 1877. Pennsylvania Welsh Western Asso., Irwin Station, Sept., 1877.

Cong'l Asso. of Western Pennsylvania, and West Virginia, connected with the Ohio Congregational Conference.

Maryland, Virginia, and District of Columbia, in General Association of New Jersey.

Nevada, in Congregational Association of California.

Idaho, and Washington Territory, in Congregational Gen. Asso. of Oregon.

Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, Cornwallis, N. S., Sept. 8, 1877.

Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec, Toronto, June 6, 1878.

See note, p. 15.

CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETIES.

The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. Treasurer, Langdon S. Ward, Cong'l House, Boston. Missionary Herald, $1.10 a year.

Secretaries of the American Board.—Rev. N. G. Clark, D. D., and Rev. E. K. Alden, D. D., Boston.

District Secretary.—Rev. William Warren, D. D., Gorham.

Annual meeting of the Board, in Providence, R. I., Oct. 2—5, 1877.

Woman's Board of Missions.—Mrs. Albert Bowker, *President;* Miss A. B. Child, *Home Secretary;* Mrs. B. E. Bates, *Treasurer.* "Life and Light for Women," monthly, 60 cents. Rooms 1 and 2, Congregational House, Boston.

The American Missionary Association. Contributions may be sent to Rev. C. L. Woodworth, *Sec'y*, No. 21 Congregational House, Boston. Fifty cents a year sent to H. W. Hubbard, *Assistant Treasurer*, 59 Reade street, New York, pays for the American Missionary Magazine.

Rev. M. E. Strieby, D. D., 59 Reade street, New York, *Secretary;* Rev. S. Thurston, D. D., *Vice-President* from Maine.

Annual meeting in Syracuse, N. Y., Oct. 23-25, 1877.

American Congregational Association, Congregational House, No. 1 Somerset st., Boston, Mass.

For information, or remittances for the Congregational House, or gifts to the Congregational Library, address Rev. Isaac P. Langworthy, *Cor. Sec. &c.*, Boston, Mass.

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Vice-Presidents for Maine, Hon. W. W. Thomas, Portland; Hon. Nelson Dingley, Lewiston.

Twenty-fourth Annual Report in Cong. Quarterly, July, 1877.

The American Congregational Union. Contributions may be sent to Rev. C. Cushing, D. D., Secretary, No. 20 Congregational House, Boston.

Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D., of Bath, *Vice-President* from Maine.

Receipts from Maine, $1,552.91. Appropriated to Maine, (special, $1,855.94,) $2,305.94.

Twenty-fourth Annual Report in Congregational Quarterly, July, 1877.

The Congregational Publishing Society. Establishes and aids Sabbath Schools, supplies Libraries and Tracts in home missionary fields. George P. Smith, Agent, Congregational House, Boston, Mass.

Rev. Enoch Pond, D. D., of Bangor, *Vice-President* from Maine.

The Society for Collegiate and Theological Education, and the *American Education Society*, are now united under the name of the *American College and Educational Society.* Aids in planting Christian Colleges in the new States, nine institutions; also aids students to the Christian Ministry. Rev. I. N. Tarbox, D. D., *Cor. Secretary*, No. 32 Congregational House, Boston; James M. Gordon, *Treasurer*, Boston.

The American Home Missionary Society, Bible House, Astor Place, New York City. Revs. Coe, Clapp, and Storrs, *Secretaries;* William Henry Smith, *Treasurer.*

The Congregational Quarterly is published at No. 20, Congregational House, corner Beacon and Somerset streets, Boston—$2.10 per year.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF MAINE.

Object—Spiritual, Mental and Moral Improvement. The Means:—Religious Meetings, Sunday Schools, Social Gatherings, Reading Room, Lectures, Library, The Press.

Organizations in the following places: Auburn, Augusta, Bath, Belfast, Biddeford, Boothbay, Bridgton, Brownfield, Lewiston, Portland, Saco, Searsport, Sidney, Union, Vinalhaven, Waterville, Winthrop, and York Co. The Portland Association publish "The Helping Hand," a monthly paper, for young and old.

Ten State Conventions have been held. Two series of Union Gospel Meetings have been sustained. Annual State Conference in Auburn, October, 1877.

Any information in regard to Associations, their object, organization, work, etc., furnished free on application, to W. H. Hobbs, *Corresponding Secretary*, Portland.

Thanksgiving Day, State and National, November 30, 1876.

State Fast, April 26, 1877.

GENERAL CONFERENCE.

The returns of the Churches to be made up to, and include the first Sabbath in May of each year,—to be forwarded to the Scribe of the County or Local Conference, during the *week following.* The Report of the Local Conference, to be forwarded by the Reporter, or Scribe, to the Corresponding Secretary of the General Conference, on or before the first day of June. (See page 124 of the Minutes for 1871.)

By vote of the Conference, one copy of the Minutes (including the Maine Missionary Reports and Sermon,) is sent to each minister, and one to each church in the Conference, by mail, pre-paid. It would be desirable to keep one copy permanently with the records of the church, for preservation, and for reference. Extra copies will be furnished at thirty cents per copy, which will also include the postage. Apply to E. F. Duren, Bangor, Chairman of the Committee of Publication.

*** The Constitution and Rules may be found on pages 2–5 minutes for 1876.

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Professor in the Theological Seminary, Bangor,

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

SEVENTIETH ANNIVERSARY,

JUNE 27, 1877.

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The next annual meeting of the Society, is to be held in the High Street Church, Auburn, on the fourth Wednesday of June, 1878.

First preacher, Rev. WEBSTER WOODBURY, of Skowhegan; alternate, Rev. GEO. R. MERRILL, of Biddeford.

Adjourned.

Attest: J. E. ADAMS, *Recording Secretary.*

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CHRISTIAN EVANGELISM.

Luke, 4: 43—"And he said unto them, I must preach the kingdom of God to other cities also; for therefore am I sent."

Mark, 16: 15, 20—"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

"And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen."

Our Lord was the first Christian evangelist. His earthly ministry was filled with the glow of the evangelistic spirit. He came into the world to seek and to save those that were lost, and he was straitened in soul until his work was accomplished. When the people of Capernaum would have detained him among them, he declared, "I must preach the kingdom of God to other cities also, for therefore am I sent." So possessed was he with the spirit of his mission. He could not abide longer. He must be away and about his Father's business.

Christ's disciples, in the course of their three years companionship with him, became imbued with his spirit, and after his final command they took up his work and continued it in his name. Thus was opened the long chapter of Christian evangelism.

I propose to examine the evangelistic methods of Christ and of his disciples in the apostolic age; assuming that these methods must in all their characteristic features underlie and inspire all evangelistic efforts in all ages of the world. And then, in the light of this examination, I propose to consider *the present evangelistic needs of Maine, and the corresponding duties that rest on Christian churches and missionary societies.*

1. *First, what were the methods of the New Testament evangelism?*

1. I begin with the fact *that Christ and the apostles were preachers.*

Our Lord's ministry was many-sided, but his characteristic work was preaching. As soon as he had received the special anointing of the Holy Ghost, he began to preach. In his first address at Nazareth, he applied to himself the words of Isaiah: "The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel." He thus publicly announced himself to men as a herald of divine truth. And preaching became henceforth his constant employment. As his ministry advanced, his earnestness in preaching seemed to increase. The last week of his earthly work was

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crowded with discourses. And he breathed the ruling spirit of his own life on his disciples, when he gave them, as his last solemn charge: "Go ye, *and preach*." Thus the preaching spirit and method had their birth with Christ, and passed from him to his disciples.

The fiery tongues of Pentecost were an outward symbol of the new power and grace of preaching with which they were that day filled, and the first result of which was Peter's sermon, and the conversion of three thousand souls. And so the apostles became pre-eminently preachers. Everything else was secondary. "Christ sent me," wrote Paul, "not to baptize, but to preach the gospel."

The peculiarities which distinguished the New Testament preaching grew out of the peculiar work to be done. Christian evangelism has for its object to disciple mankind. Christ proclaimed himself as the Saviour and spiritual helper of men; and his constant effort was to attach men to himself in personal discipleship. The apostles likewise made Christ as a personal Saviour their great theme. The burden of their preaching always was, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." Thus the aim of the New Testament evangelists was simple, and personal, and experimental. And this shaped the style of their speech. It was plain, direct and searching. They discarded the helps of human learning. Their mission was not that of Rabbis or philosophers. They were simply the bearers to men of the good news of salvation from God. The people discerned the difference between Christ's preaching and the teaching of the Jewish schools. They "were astonished at his doctrine, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes." Our Lord himself said to Nicodemus: "We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen."

And in like manner the apostles preached declaratively, as ambassadors of Christ, and witnesses of the truth as it is in Jesus.

Such preaching in its very nature had a universal range, and received a universal attention. It reached all classes of society. Our Lord gathered around himself persons of the most varied condition and character. And his apostles carried the gospel forth among men, with the conviction that it had power to redeem and save every individual of the human race.

But what gave the preaching of the New Testament evangelists its *peculiar inspiration and persuasiveness, was the earnest love for souls which leavened and flavored it.* They preached with a burden on their hearts. They hungered and thirsted for the salvation of men. The evangelistic spirit was as a fire in their bones, constraining them to preach, and leaving them no rest. Our Lord

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uttering his pathetic lament over the city which had turned a deaf ear to his last urgent appeals, is a true type of the Christian evangelist in his quenchless longing to bring men to the faith of the gospel,—"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, but ye would not."

2. I pass now to *a second feature in the methods of the New Testament evangelism: its itinerant character.*

As soon as Christ began to preach, he became a traveling missionary. It is worthy of note that in adopting this method he broke away wholly from the customs of the Jews in his day. Their religious instructors were connected with fixed places of worship and teaching. But Christ neither attached himself to any school or synagogue, nor became a stationary preacher, but went forth as an itinerant. His missionary journeys were the most prominent feature of his ministry. He crossed and recrossed, again and again, the Holy Land, sometimes extending his travels beyond its limits, making special circuits in different regions, passing from village to village, and from house to house, and all the while busily preaching the gospel of the kingdom. It was this characteristic of his work and life to which Christ himself alluded when he said: "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man hath not where to lay his head." His mission had made him a homeless wanderer.

Christ's method of itineracy passed over to his apostles. When Paul and Barnabas were formally set apart as evangelists by the Church at Antioch, no particular locality or field was assigned them. The Book of the Acts is largely a record of itinerant missionary labors. Paul, the leading spirit in the apostolic evangelism, never connected himself permanently with any one Christian community, but pushed on from city to city, from country to country, and even from continent to continent, in the restlessness and fervency of his evangelistic zeal. But though Paul's journeys occupy so prominent a place in the Book of the Acts, we are not to suppose that the other apostles were less devoted to the same mode of labor. They were all itinerant preachers. John labored in Asia Minor. Peter extended his travels as far as Babylon. The earliest traditions distributed the other apostles in various countries. It was by this itinerant method mainly, that the gospel was carried in a single generation over a large portion of the Roman world.

3. *A third feature* of the New Testament evangelism deserving special notice was *its flexibility, and power of adaptation to varying circumstances and occasions.*

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It is true that something of system and foresight is visible in the evangelistic work of Christ, and also of his apostles. They labored with a general aim and plan. But when we pass from the general to the particular, we are struck at once with the flexibility of movement and of manner of working which characterized them. Whatever plans they formed were quickly modified by new emergencies. Paul once proposed to go into Bithynia, but a voice from across the sea, saying, "Come over into Macedonia, and help us," moved him to a new purpose, and the gospel was carried to Europe. Our Saviour was hastening from Judea to Galilee; weary, he halted at Jacob's well, and by chance had that memorable conversation with the Samaritan woman which resulted in a two days tarrying at Sychar and a precious work of grace. Indeed nothing is so conspicious in Christ's missionary labors, as the entire absence of all fixed methods of action. His preaching was versatile, familiar and conversational. He varied the tone and manner of his discourses, according to the changing character of his hearers. So in his use of places and times. He needed no pulpit. Wherever he had hearers, many or few, there he preached, whether in a synagogue, or on the street, or by the sea shore, or in a private house, using the opportunity as it came.

This same flexibility is seen in his varied methods of reaching men, and suiting himself to their individual peculiarities. Christ's power in this respect was indeed wonderful. It amounted to a kind of genius. Nowhere does the full orbed symmetry of our Lord's divine-human nature, appear more clearly than here. He could not only read at a glance every man's character and life, but also enter into complete sympathy with him, and touch the springs of his deepest spiritual needs. It was this remarkable sympathetic power which gave Christ such a hold upon all classes. It broke down all walls of social separation. It made him every man's brother and friend. And we may say in general, that Christ's movements among men were governed more by his sympathies and by the divining power they gave him, than by any deliberate plans of action. They stirred him to all forms of ministry. They filled him with that "enthusiasm of humanity" which revealed itself not only in solemn discourses to great audiences, but also in his equal eagerness to seek men in their isolation, and to preach from hamlet to hamlet, and from house to house. It is this complete freedom and naturalness of action in the career of our Saviour, which invests the four Gospels with much of their freshness and beauty. There is no artificiality, but everything is real and earnest and true, bearing witness to the fact that the true light of men had come into the world. And the Acts of the apostles are but a copy of the same picture. Everywhere there is

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the same flexibility of method and of movement, the same subordination of means to ends. How thoroughly Paul had caught Christ's spirit, is shown in those noble words: "Though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant of all, that I might gain the more. Unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews. To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak. I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some."

4. I have thus far considered those features of the New Testament evangelism in which a close agreement is found to exist between Christ and the apostles. There remains to be noted a single point of diversity.

It is certainly a remarkable fact in connection with Christ's ministry, that he attempted nothing in the way of ecclesiastical organization. He formed no churches, and he gave no rules for the forming of churches. It was the apostles who inaugurated the church system; and they made it an essential feature of their evangelistic work. The church at Jerusalem was first organized, next the church at Antioch, and these became the model of the churches planted by the apostolic evangelists. Paul, especially, was very successful as a founder of churches; and his missionary labors were largely shaped by his efforts in this direction.

But this new feature of the apostolic evangelism plainly arose, not out of any antagonism to Christ's spirit and methods, but *out of the new circumstances* into which the apostles were thrown.

Christ did not break away from the Jewish church. It was not his mission to do so. Rather it became him to fulfil all righteousness, as a Jew under the law. But he planted the germs of a Christian discipleship which was to be world-wide in its range, and which must inevitably soon outgrow its Jewish envelope. It was this that the disciples began to learn on the day of Pentecost, and afterwards learned more fully under the further illumination of the Holy Spirit. But with the loosening of the old Jewish attachments, a new tie of union and fellowship was needed, and so there grew upon their view that ideal which Christ had himself held up to them, but which they had been unable before to understand, of a kingdom of God among men, the one Christian catholic church, whose branches should at last fill the earth and whose leaves should be for the healing of the nations. This ideal, so grandly caught by Paul and set forth in his epistles, inspired the church organization of the apostolic age.

There was another reason for the system of churches inaugurated by the apostles. The new converts needed a course of religous instruction and training. While Christ was on earth he supplied

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that want to his disciples. But after his ascension, the church and its ordinances were instituted as means of grace. And thus arose the pastoral office, which was ordained to supplement and complete the work of the evangelist. The pastor was simply a church officer. It was his special duty to minister to the flock committed to him, in word and sacrament. The evangelist, on the contrary, was never brought into permanent relations with any single church. His work was to carry the gospel to the unevangelized, gather disciples into churches, appoint pastors, and leave to them the further work of Christian edification. The apostolic evangelists sometimes labored for a time with single churches. Paul did so with the churches of Ephesus and of Corinth. They sometimes administered the church ordinances; Paul baptized. But this was exceptional. It was not their specific work. It belonged to the church or to the pastor who represented the church. This, in part at least, is the meaning of Paul's assertion: "Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel." His work was not that of a church officer. He belonged equally to all the churches. His mission was to preach everywhere the gospel of Christ.

This distinction between pastor and evangelist became a fundamental one in the subsequent history of the apostolic churches; and in the later history of Christianity it has always been revived in periods of fresh missionary activity. The men whom our Foreign Missionary societies send forth are not pastors, but evangelists. They are doing the same work that Paul and his fellow laborers did. But missionary work is naturally followed by church work. The pastor enters into the labors of the evangelist. Though these two classes of Christian workers act at different points, they stand in the same line, so that there can be no antagonism between them. They are like the sower and the reaper, who contribute by different forms of labor to the same result, and who are able to rejoice together as they shout the harvest home.

II. From this survey of the New Testament evangelism, I turn to a consideration of *the present religious condition of the state in which we live, as viewed in the light of our theme.*

Here *two separate questions* offer themselves for our attention. *First*, how large a field is there still in Maine for evangelistic labor? *Secondly*, how far should the New Testament methods of evangelism be employed?

1. At first sight, Maine seems quite completely evangelized. It contains more than a thousand churches. These churches have nearly a hundred thousand members. The population around them, including all who are brought more or less directly under

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Christian influences through Sabbath schools, district meetings and pastoral visitation, numbers not far from three hundred thousand.

But there is another side to this picture. The total population of the state is between six and seven hundred thousand. More than half of the population is thus left unaccounted for by our statistics. *What is their religious condition?* A small fraction of them are connected with churches which we do not class as evangelical. But, making this allowance, there remain at least three hundred thousand people who are entirely destitute of regular religious privileges. It is true that a portion of them are in this condition of religious neglect through their own fault, since they refuse to avail themselves of the means of grace in their neighborhood; but the great majority are beyond the boundaries of our parishes, and are wholly isolated from them.

What must be the spiritual needs of this mass of people it is easy to conceive. Doubtless many of them have had something of Christian instruction. But the good seed of the word, when neglected, soon dies out of the soul. Forms of unbelief and of misbelief creep in and take root. The whole tendency in communities where gospel institutions do not flourish, is religiously and morally downward, and the natural result is a lapsing into practical heathenism.

With such a picture before us of the religious condition and tendencies of half the population of the state, it becomes plain that the time has not yet come to cease evangelistic work in Maine. Rather we must be convinced that the most pressing need just now is this very form of Christian effort.

At this point it becomes an important inquiry, how much evangelistic work is actually being done in Maine at the present time? In seeking an answer, we must bear in mind the distinction between pastoral or church work within the limits of our parishes, and work done among those who are outside of pastoral or church supervision.

Gospel labor in Maine at present consists almost entirely of pastoral and parish labor. Very few of our churches or pastors are extending their Christian activities beyond the borders of their own parishes, and I am not aware that any church in the state is supporting an evangelist among the destitute.

The same is true of our missionary societies. None of them are employing evangelists of the New Testament pattern. They are all working church-wise. Their missionaries are engaged in sustaining and enlarging the churches of their several denominations.

Take the case of the Maine Missionary Society. The funds of this society are almost entirely devoted to the assistance of feeble churches. The so-called missionaries of the society are simply

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pastors, or stated supplies for churches, during a longer or shorter period. Their work is of a stationary, not of an itinerant character. The prime importance of thus aiding these feeble churches no one can for a moment dispute. Many of them would doubtless become extinct without such aid, and it should be continued to them at all hazards. We cannot afford to lose a single gospel light in Maine, however feeble be its glimmering.

But my subject compels me to insist on the distinction which the New Testament methods of evangelism carefully make between the office and work of a pastor or stationary minister, and that of an evangelist or itinerant missionary. The so-called missionaries of this society are doing the specific work of the former class, not that of the latter. As a result, the society is doing very little directly for the evangelization of that large fraction of the people of Maine which lies entirely outside pastoral and church influence.

It was not thus in the early history of our missionary operations. At first, evangelistic methods were coupled with the work of building up churches. You know what sort of labors were performed by such men as Sewall and Sawyer, and others. They were evangelists in the Pauline sense. The memoir of Jotham Sewall reads like the Acts of the Apostles. But the theory of the society inclined more and more to the stationing of preachers, with the object of fostering churches of our congregational order, and the methods of itinerant evangelism were more and more discouraged. Concerning the wisdom of this course in the past I have nothing to say; but I venture a few words in regard to its present features and tendencies.

In the first place, *the work of the society has become largely conservative instead of progressive.* Only now and then is a new church formed. The resources of the Society are mainly devoted to holding ground already occupied. But the very genius of evangelism is progress. The spirit is in the wheels. And when the wheels cease to move forward there is a natural tendency to depression and discouragement. Is not the Maine Missionary Society suffering at this time from the lack in its movements of aggressive energy? And may we not explain in this way, partly, the apparent loss of zeal in the churches, and of readiness to respond to the calls which are made to them?

Again, *the number reached by the present system is very small compared with the number which might be reached by evangelistic methods.* According to last year's report the average size of the congregations to which our missionaries preached was eighty-nine persons. When we think of the hundreds of thousands in Maine who never hear the gospel from one end of the year to the other,

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it becomes a serious question whether this policy is sufficiently economical in its expenditure of means, and whether it would not be wiser to spread the work over a larger field.

Then once more, *the question arises whether the society is not losing sight of the object for which it was founded.* According to its original constitution that object is "to extend the knowledge of God our Saviour, and to send the glorious gospel to those who are destitute of the public and stated means of religious instruction." This object seems clearly to embrace the evangelistic element as its main feature. Hence the society was called the "Maine Missionary Society." Is not this work of evangelizing those regions of our state which are beyond ordinary pastoral and church care, the very work which the constitution of this society contemplates? And does its present work of merely helping to sustain feeble churches properly fulfil the end for which the society was established?

2. *There remains to be considered the second general question proposed: Looking at the work to be done in Maine, how far should the New Testament methods of evangelism be employed?*

I assumed, at the outset, that these methods in their main features, should be followed in all evangelistic work. This must be so, if the religious needs of men are always the same, and if the gospel always has the same power to save and bless. But we are also to remember that Christ imposed no slavish yoke upon his disciples. He left them free to develope the principles and methods of his own evangelism into new forms according to new necessities. And the same liberty is ours.

Now a comparison of the field in Maine with that in which Christ and the apostles labored, reveals one clear point of difference. Maine is already, to a considerable degree, covered with Christian churches. This single fact must considerably modify our evangelistic methods, lessening the range of itinerant labor, and bringing the work of the pastor into closer relations with the work of the evangelist. On this point let me offer a few suggestions.

And *first*, I wish to emphasize the fact that *evangelistic work ought not to be regarded as belonging solely to missionary societies.* Every church ought to be a missionary society. This is one of the fundamental ideas of a Christian church. It is organized to become a center of Christian light and influence. Indeed it is on this very principle that special missionary societies are created. They are simply associations of churches organized for common work on a broader scale. Such associations are on many accounts wise. But there is one danger connected with them, viz: that churches may lose sight of their own individual missionary responsibility, and

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cease to cherish the missionary spirit. Better that missionary societies should wholly cease, than that such a result should be realized. The only missionary societies in the apostolic age were churches. The church of Antioch sent forth Paul and Barnabas.

It is doubtless expedient that the evangelistic work in Maine which lies wholly remote from our churches should be committed to missionary societies. But there remains a work for every church to do in its own immediate neighborhood. Some of the most benighted portions of the state are to be found in the outskirts of our cities and large towns. All over Maine, in the tracts bordering upon our parishes, along the roads leading from city to country and from village to village, on cross roads and by-ways, are multitudes of souls who have no hope, and are without God in the world. *Here is the field for church evangelism.* The rapid spread of Christianity in the apostolic and post-apostolic ages was accomplished largely by this form of church activity. The apostolic evangelists planted churches at different central points, and these churches in turn became evangelizers for the regions around. In like manner should the churches of Maine become the messengers of Christ to the destitute in their immediate vicinity, sending forth their evangelists in true apostolic fashion, who shall go from hamlet to hamlet, and from house to house, preaching the gospel to the people wherever they can be gathered together, and preparing the way for Christian institutions.

We next turn to the fields which may be properly devolved on missionary societies. Here two phases of missionary operation may be noted.

First, there is the work which may be done in connection with the feeble churches situated in the midst of destitute regions. These churches should be aided, as they have been hitherto, not only for their own sakes, but also for the sake of the unevangelized around them. But our study of the New Testament evangelism suggests one amendment of the present practice. It seems to me that *we need to revive the itinerant element in connection with the pastoral work done by our missionaries.* The apostolic missionaries, I must again remind you, were never pastors. Their mission fields extended over entire provinces. They visited the churches, and corresponded with them, but their special work was evangelistic, not pastoral. The increased number of our churches may call for a modification of the apostolic method in this case. A union of pastoral and itinerant work may be expedient. A district containing a number of churches might be given to a single missionary, in which he should combine itinerant labors with certain pastoral duties, preaching at stated intervals to the several

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churches, urging forward church work, and moreover laboring outside of the churches among those who can be reached only by the itinerant missionary. Such fields would need men of rare wisdom and devotion, but the results of their labors, I am persuaded, would be most signal and precious.

But there still remain other more widely destitute fields in different parts of the State, which need the pure evangelism of the apostolic times. Stationary pastors cannot do the work required in Aroostook, in northern Penobscot, in Piscataquis, in Washington, and in still other counties. Their range is too contracted, their movement is too slow. Such regions demand the freer and more rapid tread of the itinerant evangelist. As I contemplate these immense moral wastes, I think of those men who wrought so mightily for God and his church in the heroic days of our fathers, traveling mile after mile, over stream and through forest, in sunshine and storm, in summer and winter, on and on, from town to town, and from county to county, their souls all aflame with the spirit of Christ's true ministers, day after day, preaching, conversing, visiting, gathering disciples, planting churches, ordaining pastors,—I think of them in all the strain of their arduous but thrice blessed work, and ask, where are the men on whom their mantles have fallen?

And now, it only remains for us to ask ourselves whether such evangelistic work shall be taken in hand by this society and by the churches here represented. Certainly the reasons urging immediate action are plain and pressing. Maine hangs in the balance to-day between Christian faith and anti-Christian infidelity. In which direction shall the balance incline? It is not a pleasant or hopeful fact to contemplate, that half of our state is wholly irreligious, and rapidly becoming wholly heathen. Let present tendencies work on, and it requires no prophet's eye to see what the religious outlook will be a generation hence. If Maine is to be saved to Christ and his church, there must be a speedy revival among us of evangelistic efforts.

Our churches also need such a revival for their own stimulus and quickening. No form of Christian activity so rouses and energizes as missionary labors. The periods in the history of the church fullest of noble and saintly characters have been those in which the evangelistic spirit has most thoroughly prevailed. The New Testament is instinct with missionary life and effort. The very air around those apostolic churches was pervaded with the spirit of missions. How would a revival of that spirit awaken our churches from lethargy, and worldliness, and backsliding, to a fresh experience of Christian progress and power?

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And there is another motive which might well inspire all true Christians to undertake this work. It is a kind of Christian effort which beyond all other kinds developes union among Christians. For the gospel evangelism is not denominational. The true evangelist seeks to win men to Christ, not to a sect. He preaches only those great central truths which all men must receive in order to be saved. There was no denominationalism in the apostolic age. The spirit of unity and brotherhood triumphed over all opposite tendencies. Paul always advocated a broad charity and catholicity. Did any "preach Christ of contention," still, if Christ were preached he rejoiced, yea, and would rejoice. Too little of this catholic spirit has there been in Maine in the years past. If the truth may be spoken, the denominational spirit has ruled in our various Christian bodies to the supplanting of the evangelistic spirit. The several denominations have labored more earnestly to build up churches of their own order than to publish everywhere, without regard to denominational results, the glad tidings.

The cure of denominationalism is a new era of evangelism. When all Christian churches in Maine shall be able to go forth hand in hand to win the whole state for Christ, sectarian lines will rapidly fade from view, and sectarian prejudices and rivalries will die away. Then indeed shall the ancient prophecy be realized: "Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing; for they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord shall bring again Zion."

But a motive still more persuasive and impressive remains. St. Matthew records that as Jesus "went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom," "when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd." Three hundred thousand souls in Maine are to-day fainting, scattered, and shepherdless. I seem to see our Lord bending over them with the same infinite pity which moved him when on earth, and I seem to hear him say to us as he said then to his disciples: "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that *he will send forth laborers into his harvest.*"

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SEVENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT

OF

THE MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

It is three score and ten years since our fathers organized the society whose anniversary we celebrate to-day. Little did those noble men understand how solidly they laid the foundations for the future, and how mighty would be the influence of that day's work upon the destiny of the coming State, and the church of the living God within its boundaries. Great changes have come, civil and political, moral and religious. But the work of the Maine Missionary Society has been pressed, year after year, in times of depression and doubt, as in times of elation and expectation. The weaker churches have been encouraged and aided, till they have become strong, like this with which we meet to-day; multitudes have been added to them; and thousands have been gathered from them, with the fathers and founders of the society, to the church triumphant.

The accomplished results encourage to hope for the future, and to labor continuously. God is evidently directing, and good must follow.

We gratefully record the mercy of our Heavenly Father, in sparing the lives of the officers and missionaries of the Society. During the year, not one has fallen.

Four faithful ministers, who served the Society years ago, have passed from earth, viz: Rev. Joseph Underwood, Rev. Sewall Paine, Rev. Hazael Lucas, and Rev. Andrew J. Smith. Devoted in their work on earth, they have gone to their reward in heaven.

The following table presents a general view of the missionary work, and the condition of missionary churches, for the year now past.

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TABULAR VIEW.

No.	CHURCHES.	MISSIONARIES.	DATE OF COMMISSION.	Length.	Appropriations.	Months of Labor.	Congregations.	Conversions.	ADDED. Profession.	ADDED. Letter.	Membership.	Prayer Meeting.	Sabbath School.	CONTRIBUTIONS. M. Missionary Society.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Other Objects.
1	Abbot,	Rev. Amos Redlon,	July 1, 1876	12	$350	12	100	10	5	..	30	75	76	$20 00	$10 00
2	Acton,	Rev. W. S. Thompson,	July 1, 1876	12	150	12	70	1	1	1	60	20	70	40 00	19 75
3	Albany,	F. McConaughy,	July 1, 1876	2½	50	2½	70	3	..	..	27	60	6	16 50	.....
		G. W. Bird,	May 20, 1877	1½	25	1½	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	.....	.....
4	Amherst and Aurora,	S. L. Vincent,	July 1, 1876	3	96	3	71	10	.	..	15	30	65	25 00	.....
		S. L. Vincent,	June10, 1877	¾	24	¾	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	.....	.....
5	Andover,	Rev. S. Pearson,	July 1, 1876	12	150	12	107	..	2	..	83	20	75	6 50	18 80
6	Baldwin,	Richard Wickett,	June10, 1877	¾	15	¾	...	...	..	..	...	...	..	.....	.....
7	Bangor, Essex Street,	D. T. Williams,	July 1, 1876	3	96	3	...	..	*no*	*ch*	...	...	...	5 74	.....
		C. B. Wathen,	June10, 1877	¾	24	¾	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	.....	.....
8	Bangor, West Chapel,	R. H. McGown,	June10, 1877	¾	15	¾	..	..	*no*	*ch*	...	...	...	.....	.....
9	Biddeford, 1st,	R. Wright,	July 1, 1876	2½	80	2½	115	...	1	2	57	60	40	56 15	.....
10	Bingham,	J. H. Roberts,	July 1, 1876	12	300	5	125	...	...	..	53	54	128	.....	.....
		A. H. Thompson,	April 1, 1877	3	....	3	...	..	..	..	...	...	...	.....	.....
11	Brooksville,	C. H. Taintor,	June10, 1877	¾	24	¾	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	.....	.....
12	Brownfield,	Rev. E. S. Jordan,	July 1, 1876	12	150	12	100	...	...	..	42	10	70	.....	.....
13	Burlington,	S. W. Chapin,	July 1, 1876	3	96	3	82	...	...	..	26	60	125	86 31	.....
		Rev. S. Thurston,	Nov. 1876	1¾	56	1¾	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	.....	.....
		C. G. Burnham,	June10, 1877	¾	24	¾	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	.....	.....
14	Dedham,	Joseph St. John,	July 1, 1876	3	96	3	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	.....	.....
		H. A. Freeman,	Sep. 24, 1876	9	100	9	70	...	23	..	65	35	60	23 77	5 00
15	Dexter,	Rev. J. S. Richards,	July 1, 1876	12	196	12	69	...	2	7	48	20	43	32 00	.....
16	East Eddington,	Chas. M. Schwarzauer,	June10, 1877	¾	15	¾	...	..	*no*	*ch*	...	...	...	.....	.....
17	Edgecomb,	Rev. H. H. Hutchinson,	July 1, 1876	12	200	12	85	18	21	3	92	35	57	22 00	25 00
18	Farmington Falls,	J. V. D. Shurtz,	July 1, 1876	3	96	3	175	...	8	6	24	30	74	55 00	73 50
	Mercer,	J. V. D. Shurtz,	.....	..	.....	..	150	8	11	7	36	50	85	64 00	325 00

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19	Fort Fairfield,	Rev. E. Bean,	July 1, 1876	6	200	6	90				43	18	70				
	Caribou,	M. H. Mead,	Mar. 11, 1877	4	128	4											
20	Frankfort,	L. J. Thomas,	July 1, 1876	3	96	3	100			11	32	32	60	25	00		
21	Freedom,	A. J. McGown,	July 1, 1876	3½	112	3½					38			97	00		
		R. B. Copping,	July 10, 1877	¼	16	¼											
22	Garland,	Rev. P. B. Thayer,	July 1, 1876	12	150	12	105		4		94	80	100	50	00	50	00
23	Gray,	Rev. H. R. Howes,	July 1, 1876	12	125	6											
		Rev. E. Bean,	Jan'y 1877	6		6	120				71	16	60	35	00	50	00
24	Greenville,	Rev. C. Davison,	July 1, 1876	12	300	12	85	4			46	30	65	33	00		
25	Harrison,	Rev. N. Lincoln,	July 1, 1876	12	100	6	80		3	1	50	2	65				
26	Holden,	F. A. Valentine,	Sep. 17, 1876	4	32	4											
		G. W. Osgood,	Jan'y 1877	5	44	5	85	7	7		71	50	100	6	00	13	00
27	Houlton,	Z. Crowell,	July 1, 1876	12	300	12	90	14	11	7	39	15	120	12	25	10	00
28	Isle au Haute,	W. Denley,	June 10, 1877	¼	15	¼	40				12		25				
29	Jackson and Brooks,	Rev. A. N. Jones,	July 1, 1876	12	250	12	80	26	16		79	30	110	23	00		
	Dixmont	Rev. A. N. Jones,					80		*no ch*								
30	Jonesport,	A. F. Newton,	July 1, 1876	3	96	3	120	1	*no ch*		28	50	125	104	70		
31	Kingman,	R. Wickett,	Dec. 1, 1876	3	60	3			*no ch*								
32	Kittery,	J. P. Jones,	July 1, 1876	3	96	3	100	3			48	20	70	20	00	5	00
33	Limerick,	H. T. Arnold,	Oct. 1, 1876	9	150	5	100		5	7	75	30	40	12	60		
34	Limington,	Rev. R. D. Osgood,	July 1, 1876	12	150	12	114		11		115	39	110				
35	Litchfield,	Rev. J. T. Hawes,	July 1, 1876	12	200	12	80				60	25	45	27	00	65	00
36	Lovell,	Rev. J. P. Stinchfield,	July 1, 1876	12	100	12	125				131	40	75				
37	Madison,	Rev. T. G. Mitchell,	July 1, 1876	12	125	12	75		5	2	95	15	70	50	00	5	00
38	Madison, East,	W. G. Shoppe,	June 10, 1877	¼	24	¼											
39	Medway,	R. Wickett,	July 1, 1876	3	96	3	50		*no ch*			20	30				
		D. L. Davis,	June 10, 1877	¼	24	¼											
40	Monmouth,	C. W. Hill,	July 1, 1876	2½	80	2½	95				47		70	33	00		
		A. Wiswall,	June 10, 1877	¼	24	¼											
41	Monson,	Rev. A. H. Tyler,	July 1, 1876	12	300	12	125	5	5		113	50	100	30	00	5	00
42	Naples,	Rev. H. H. Osgood,	July 1, 1876	12	300	10	80				22		60				
	Casco,	Rev. H. H. Osgood,					90										
43	North Deer Isle,	Rev. J. T. Closson,	July 1, 1876	12	200	12	50				40	20	60	11	94		
44	Northfield,	W. Denley,	July 1, 1876	3	96	3	130				22	25	50	57	50	40	00
		G. E. Chapin,	June 10, 1877	¼	24	¼											

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		C. A. Beckwith,	Oct. 4, 1876	3	80	3	75	6	..	2	56	15	35	$17 30	$15 00
		L. J. Thomas,	June10, 1876	¾	24	¾	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
46	Oxford,	Rev. G. A. Lockwood,	July 1, 1876	12	150	12	75	10	4	..	64	20	100	12 00	19 00
47	Orrington, East,	Jonathan Edwards,	July 1, 1876	12	200	12	125	35	14	3	86	50	60	14 00	16 50
48	Portland, West,	Rev. J. F. Morgan,	July 1, 1876	12	200	12	150	9	8	3	42	25	150	.....	.....
49	Princeton,	Frank Bowler,	July 1, 1876	3	96	2½	75	1	...	..	32	25	60	85 00	.. ...
		F. A. Valentine,	June17, 1877	¼	16	¼	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
50	Robbinston & Red Beach,	S. W. Walters,	July 1, 1876	3	96	3	100	...	...	..	85	40	50	92 50	.....
51	Rolling Mills,	Rev. J. P. Evans,	July 1, 1876	12	240	9	180	35	32	..	131	120	165	8 00	8 00
52	Rumford,	Rev. J. Elliott,	July 1, 1876	12	200	12	50	2	...	..	29	12	...	12 00	.....
53	Sanford,	Rev. T. N. Lord,	July 1, 1876	12	150	12	80	3	3	2	45	25	40	15 00	.....
54	St. Albans,	Rev. W. S. Sewall,	July 1, 1876	12	100	12	75	...	1	..	21	12	95	10 04	.... .
	Athens,	Rev. W. S. Sewall,	..	..	.....	..	100	...	...	..	39	10	90	6 30	.....
55	Sherman,	Rev. W. A. Merrill,	July 1, 1876	12	400	12	95	...	...	..	81	45	100	12 00	2 00
	Island Falls,	Rev. W. A. Merrill,	..	..	.....	..	...	...	...	..	12	...	40	.....	.....
	Silver Ridge,	Rev. W. A. Merrill,	..	..	.....	..	...	50	...	..	...	...	90	.....	... ..
56	Solon,	Rev. E. N. Smith,	July 1, 1876	12	250	12	80	20	10	1	31	40	60	12 00	5 00
57	Somesville,	Rev. J. M. H. Dow,	Nov. 3, 1876	3	125	2¾	12	12	3	5	7	...	..	.....	.....
58	Springfield and Lee,	G. W. Osgood,	July 1, 1876	6	156	6	80	...	...	..	6	30	100	9 71	.....
59	Standish,	Rev. J. T. Trowbridge,	July 1, 1876	12	150	12	55	5	5	3	46	18	48	17 50	44 25
60	Steuben,	J. E. Bissell,	July 1, 1876	2½	80	2½	87	5	..	..	...	24	63	67 00	.....
		H. W. Chapman,	May 20, 1877	1½	48	1½	...	...	*no*	*ch*	...	...	...	.....	.....
61	Stow and Chatham,	J. H. Leavitt,	July 1, 1876	12	100	12	45	...	..	..	42	25	35	4 00	7 00
62	Strong,	Rev. J. L. Pratt,	July 1, 1876	12	150	12	120	1	14	4	91	35	80	10 00	15 00

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63	Sumner,	Rev. J. W. Tarleton,	July 1, 1876	6	50	6	40	4	4	..	57	20	35	14 00	7 00
		J. McGregor,	June10, 1877	¼	24	¼	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
64	Temple,	Rev. G. A. Gordon,	July 1, 1876	3	96	3	135	...	7	..	50	30	76	70 00	.....
		Rev. A. Loring,	April 1, 1877	1	32	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
65	Tremont and Trenton,	Rev. A. R. Plumer,	July 1, 1876	12	200	12	60	...	...	...	99	100	170	.....	.....
66	Union,	Rev. F. V. Norcross,	July 1, 1876	12	200	12	125	4	2	1	87	54	152	15 00	39 00
67	Vassalborough, River-Side,	R. Peacock, Jr.	June10, 1877	¼	24	¼	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
68	Washington,	Rev. J. J. Bulfinch,	July 1, 1876	12	200	12	100	...	...	...	16	25	60	5 00	.....
69	Weld,	S. A. Barnaby,	June10, 1877	¼	24	¼	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 35	.....
70	West Newfield,	Rev. G. S. Kemp,	July 1, 1876	12	150	9	80	...	...	...	31	15	50	24 10	.....
		J. A. Kellogg,	May, 1877	1½	19	1½	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	... ...	.....
71	Whiting,	Rev. J. J. Jones,	July 1, 1876	3	96	3	130	...	...	...	27	40	50	57 50	40 50
		T. P. Williams,	June10, 1877	¼	24	¼	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
72	Whitneyville,	H. A. Freeman,	July 1, 1876	3	96	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	70 30	.....
	Marshfield,	C. A. Perry,	June10, 1877	¼	24	¼	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	42 00	.....
73	Wilton,	Rev. U. W. Small,	July 1, 1876	12	200	12	75	...	4	3	93	20	60	50 00	15 00
74	Windham,	Rev. L. Wiswall,	July 1, 1876	12	75	12	55	...	..	1	46	30	40	25 00	20 00
75	Woolwich,	Rev. H. O. Thayer,	July 1, 1876	12	100	12	150	1	2	..	82	20	91	20 00	22 00
76	York, 2d,	Rev. J. Freeman,	July 1, 1876	12	200	12	75	...	3	..	40	35	61	18 00	21 25

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1	Abbot,	Rev. Amos Redlon,	July 1, 1876	12	$350	12	100	10	5	..	30	75	76	$20 00	$10 00
2	Acton,	Rev. W. S. Thompson,	July 1, 1876	12	150	12	70	1	1	1	60	20	70	40 00	19 75
3	Albany,	F. McConaughy,	July 1, 1876	2½	50	2½	70	3	..	..	27	60	6	16 50	.....
		G. W. Bird,	May 20, 1877	1½	25	1½	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
4	Amherst and Aurora,	S. L. Vincent,	July 1, 1876	3	96	3	71	10	.	..	15	30	65	25 00	.....
		S. L. Vincent,	June10, 1877	¾	24	¾	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
5	Andover,	Rev. S. Pearson,	July 1, 1876	12	150	12	107	..	2	..	83	20	75	6 50	18 80
6	Baldwin,	Richard Wickett,	June10, 1877	¾	15	¾	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	.....	.....
7	Bangor, Essex Street,	D. T. Williams,	July 1, 1876	3	96	3	...	..	*no*	*ch*	...	...	...	5 74	.....
		C. B. Wathen,	June10, 1877	¾	24	¾	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
8	Bangor, West Chapel,	R. H. McGown,	June10, 1877	¾	15	¾	..	..	*no*	*ch*	...	...	...	.....	.....
9	Biddeford, 1st,	R. Wright,	July 1, 1876	2½	80	2½	115	...	1	2	57	60	40	56 15	.....
10	Bingham,	J. H. Roberts,	July 1, 1876	12	300	5	125	...	...	...	53	54	128	.....	.....
		A. H. Thompson,	April 1, 1877	3	....	3	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
11	Brooksville,	C. H. Taintor,	June10, 1877	¾	24	¾	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
12	Brownfield,	Rev. E. S. Jordan,	July 1, 1876	12	150	12	100	...	...	...	42	10	70	.....	.....
13	Burlington,	S. W. Chapin,	July 1, 1876	3	96	3	82	...	...	...	26	60	125	86 31	.....
		Rev. S. Thurston,	Nov. 1876	1¼	56	1¼	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
		C. G. Burnham,	June10, 1877	¾	24	¾	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
14	Dedham,	Joseph St. John,	July 1, 1876	3	96	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
		H. A. Freeman,	Sep. 24, 1876	9	100	9	70	...	23	..	65	35	60	23 77	5 00
15	Dexter,	Rev. J. S. Richards,	July 1, 1876	12	196	12	69	...	2	7	48	20	43	32 00	.....
16	East Eddington,	Chas. M. Schwarzauer,	June10, 1877	¾	15	¾	...	..	*no*	*ch*	...	...	...	.....	.....
17	Edgecomb,	Rev. H. H. Hutchinson,	July 1, 1876	12	200	12	85	18	21	3	92	35	57	22 00	25 00
18	Farmington Falls,	J. V. D. Shurtz,	July 1, 1876	3	96	3	175	...	8	6	24	30	74	55 00	73 50
	Mercer,	J. V. D. Shurtz,	.....	..	.....	..	150	8	11	7	36	50	85	64 00	325 00

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19	Fort Fairfield,..	Rev. E. Bean,	July 1, 1876	6	200	6	90	...	..	..	43	18	70	.....	.....
	Caribou,	M. H. Mead,	Mar. 11, 1877	4	128	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
20	Frankfort,	L. J. Thomas,	July 1, 1876	3	96	3	100	...	11	..	32	32	60	25 00	.....
21	Freedom,	A. J. McGown,	July 1, 1876	3½	112	3½	...	...	...	...	38	..	...	97 00	.....
		R. B. Copping,	July 10, 1877	½	16	½	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
22	Garland,	Rev. P. B. Thayer,	July 1, 1876	12	150	12	105	...	4	..	94	80	100	50 00	50 00
23	Gray,	Rev. H. R. Howes,	July 1, 1876	12	125	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
		Rev. E. Bean, ...	Jan'y 1877	6	....	6	120	...	...	...	71	16	60	35 00	50 00
24	Greenville,	Rev. C. Davison, ..	July 1, 1876	12	300	12	85	4	...	...	46	30	65	33 00	.....
25	Harrison,	Rev. N. Lincoln,	July 1, 1876	12	100	6	80	...	3	1	50	2	65	.....	... ...
26	Holden,	F. A. Valentine,	Sep. 17, 1876	4	32	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
		G. W. Osgood, ..	Jan'y 1877	5	44	5	85	7	7	..	71	50	100	6 00	13 00
27	Houlton,	Z. Crowell,	July 1, 1876	12	300	12	90	14	11	7	39	15	120	12 25	10 00
28	Isle au Haute,	W. Denley,	June 10, 1877	¼	15	¼	40	...	...	...	12	..	25	.....	.....
29	Jackson and Brooks,	Rev. A. N. Jones,	July 1, 1876	12	250	12	80	26	16	..	79	30	110	23 00	.....
	Dixmont	Rev. A. N. Jones,	.....	..	....	..	80	...	*no ch*		...	...	...	.....	.....
30	Jonesport,	A. F. Newton,	July 1, 1876	3	96	3	120	1	*no ch*		28	50	125	104 70	.....
31	Kingman,	R. Wickett,	Dec. 1, 1876	3	60	3	...	...	*no ch*		...	...	...	.....	.....
32	Kittery,	J. P. Jones,	July 1, 1876	3	96	3	100	3	...	...	48	20	70	20 00	5 00
33	Limerick,	H. T. Arnold,	Oct. 1, 1876	9	150	5	100	...	5	7	75	30	40	12 60	.....
34	Limington,	Rev. R. D. Osgood, ...	July 1, 1876	12	150	12	114	...	11	.	115	39	110	. .....	.....
35	Litchfield,	Rev. J. T. Hawes,	July 1, 1876	12	200	12	80	...	...	...	60	25	45	27 00	65 00
36	Lovell,	Rev. J. P. Stinchfield,	July 1, 1876	12	100	12	125	...	...	...	131	40	75	.....	.....
37	Madison,	Rev. T. G. Mitchell,.	July 1, 1876	12	125	12	75	...	5	2	95	15	70	50 00	5 00
38	Madison, East,	W. G. Shoppe,	June 10, 1877	¼	24	¼	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
39	Medway,	R. Wickett,	July 1, 1876	3	96	3	50	..	*no ch*		.	20	30	.....	. .....
		D. L. Davis,	June 10, 1877	¼	24	¼	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
40	Monmouth,	C. W. Hill,	July 1, 1876	2½	80	2½	95	...	...	...	47	..	70	83 00	... ...
		A. Wiswall,	June 10, 1877	¼	24	¼	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
41	Monson,	Rev. A. H. Tyler,	July 1, 1876	12	300	12	125	5	5	..	113	50	100	30 00	5 00
42	Naples,..	Rev. H. H. Osgood,	July 1, 1876	12	300	10	80	...	...	...	22	..	60	.... ..	.....
	Casco,	Rev. H. H. Osgood,	.....	..	....	..	90	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
43	North Deer Isle,	Rev. J. T. Closson,	July 1, 1876	12	200	12	50	...	...	...	40	20	60	11 94	.....
44	Northfield,	W. Denley,	July 1, 1876	3	96	3	130	...	...	...	22	25	50	57 50	40 00
		G. E. Chapin,	June 10, 1877	¼	24	¼	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	... ...	.....

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74	Windham,	Rev. L. Wiswall,	July 1, 1876	12	75	12	55	...	..	1	46	30	40	25 00	20 00
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NOTES.

1. ABBOT is an interesting field. The church has come into existence within two years, and it now numbers thirty members. Within that time, a neat and beautiful chapel has been built, and thoroughly furnished and dedicated, and it is now free from debt. The entire cost was $3,600. The people of Abbot, paid $1,300 of this; friends of Maine, Massachusetts, and Scotland, contributed nearly $1,900; and the Congregational Union canceled the last bills, with $450.

That was a happy day for the people of Abbot village, when they dedicated their new house of worship, and could call it their own. The pastor reports an encouraging state of things there; the prayer meetings well sustained; ten conversions; five additions by profession; and present signs of renewed revival.

4. A new interest is awakened in the church at AMHERST and AURORA. Mr. Vincent, of the Bangor Seminary, supplied them last year, and has returned to them, full of hope and courage.

5. Rev. S. W. Pearson, ANDOVER, reports "a more settled and hopeful state in the church." "A good degree of harmony prevails." "We have adopted a system of taking a collection on the first sabbath of the month for benevolent objects." "Fifty dollars or more have been expended in repainting the meeting-house."

6. The little church in BALDWIN, through the persevering efforts of a few women, have a new house of worship, which has cost $3.000, and is without debt, excepting about $250. This ought to be paid for them; and who will do it? Mr. R. Wickett, of the last graduating class at Bangor, will settle with them if he can be sustained. They will unite with Sebago.

7. Essex Street, BANGOR. There is no church at this place. The converts of last summer united with the Central Church, of Bangor.

9. BIDDEFORD First, desires a pastor for a year; their call is urgent.

10. Mr. J. H. Roberts, began the year at BINGHAM, and labored faithfully for five months. He then resigned to accept an appointment from the American Board, and will go to China.

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Mr. A. H. Thompson, graduate of New Haven Seminary, has been here for three months, and finds encouragement. This church should unite with Solon, soon to be without a pastor, in the support of one man.

13. Mr. Chapin interested the people at BURLINGTON, and had good success in gaining their confidence. Dr. Thurston supplied them for several weeks in the early winter, and enjoyed his work. Mr. Burnham, of Bangor Seminary, supplies for the summer.

14. DEDHAM reports twenty-three additions. Weak in wealth, they are strong in faith. A movement is made to unite Holden and Dedham under one pastor, as soon as the right man can be found.

15. There is courage and perseverance in the little church at DEXTER. It may be written of the members, *few*, but *good* and true. They deserve success. Mr. Richards, who supplied them so acceptably last year, was ordained as their pastor, Thursday, June 21st. His love for the people holds him to the place.

17. This has been an encouraging year for the church in EDGECOMB. There have been eighteen conversions, and twenty-four additions. They have begun to build, in a location more desirable than that where the old house stands. They will need help, and we commend them to the abler churches.

18. FARMINGTON FALLS, and MERCER, unite again in the support of a pastor. Mr. Jones was ordained June 20th.

19. Just as Rev. E. Bean was entering upon his second year at FORT FAIRFIELD, he was afflicted in the death of his only son, a promising christian lad of fourteen. He subsequently accepted a call from his old people at Gray, where he is working earnestly and hopefully again.

FORT FAIRFIELD has been supplied since March 1st, by Mr. M. H. Mead, of Hartford Seminary. He reports interest in his work. They need a vigorous man at this point, and it is hoped that one may be sent there soon. The churches in Aroostook County must be helped liberally for the present.

20. The FRANKFORT church has grown, in two years, from thirteen to thirty-two members. Eleven have been added this year. They are now supplied by Rev. G. W. Jones, of Winterport. By this union of forces, they do without aid for the present.

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24. The church at GREENVILLE must be sustained. It was formed on the union basis, and no other ought to be here till an increase of population may demand. Their pastor is beloved, and is doing a good work.

25. Rev. N. Lincoln, of North Bridgton, supplies HARRISON one half of the time. Four additions are reported. In a late communication the pastor speaks of "the descent of the Holy Spirit, the quickening of saints, and the conversion of sinners."

26. HOLDEN has received missionary aid, since September last. The ladies of the place propose to repair, and repaint, the house of worship. After this is accomplished they will unite with Dedham, and seek a pastor.

27. HOULTON is an important point, and must be occupied vigorously. There is room for all christian workers, and it is time for advance here. Mr. Crowell has done good service the past year. He rightly urges that the house of worship must be moved to the centre, and thoroughly remodeled, and repaired. To accomplish this, the people there must sacrifice, and the friends of Maine Missionary Society must be liberal in their assistance. Fourteen conversions are reported, and eighteen additions; "the chapel has become too straight for the Sabbath School, and there is an increasing attendance upon the regular worship."

29. There has been such a draft upon the BROOKS portion of the church in JACKSON and BROOKS, it is advisable to withdraw the pastor from that station, and form a new Union with Dixmont and Monroe. These new fields promise well.

30. JONESPORT needs to be developed. Rev. S. Thurston will look after interests there for the present.

32. Mr. J. P. Jones, of Andover Seminary, has supplied at KITTERY, since July, 1876. He interests the people, and will supply them for the next year. Lately he has extended his labors to Elliot.

33. Mr. Arnold felt obliged to leave his work in LIMERICK, before his commission expired. Since he left, there has been little preaching.

34. The LIMINGTON church prospers. The pastor reports eleven additions by profession, and good congregations.

35. LITCHFIELD still retains the venerable pastor Hawes.

40. For several months, MONMOUTH was supplied in the afternoon of the Sabbaths, by pastor Bickford of Winthrop. Mr. A. Wiswall, of Bangor Seminary, supplies for the summer.

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41. Rev. A. H. Tyler is about to leave MONSON. He has labored faithfully there for seven years, but now feels that duty calls him elsewhere. We trust another will come into his place at once. Blanchard, which was put with Monson in the last appropriation, has supported itself, in so far as it has been supplied, and is now served by Rev. R. W. Emerson, of Monson.

42. Rev. H. H. Osgood has gone to the two churches in Waterford. This field, NAPLES and CASCO, or a part thereof, will probably be worked by the Free Baptists, with whom there has been a pleasant understanding and union, for some time. Such reciprocity is commendable.

43. Rev. J. T. Closson expects to close his labors at NORTH DEER ISLE. It is desirable to have constant preaching at that point.

45. OLDTOWN reports religious interest, and six conversions, with two additions.

46. The pastor of OXFORD church reports ten conversions and four additions.

47. The church at EAST ORRINGTON has had a prosperous year. Thirty-five conversions, and seventeen additions, show that good work has been done. Pastor Edwards speaks of great encouragement and pleasure in his work.

48. The West church, PORTLAND, in its struggle to raise the modest salary of its pastor, has appealed to the Missionary Society for aid to tide it over these hard times. The report gives nine conversions, and eleven additions, during the year.

50. ROBBINSTON and RED BEACH should have preaching all the time. They were supplied fourteen weeks, during the last summer. We hope they may secure a minister soon.

51. This interesting settlement, ROLLING MILLS, has been seriously crippled by the hard times. While the mills were shut down, the people in a body, assembled in their chapel, every day, to study the word. Thirty-five conversions, and thirty-two additions are reported; but right upon this spiritual success, pastor Evans felt called to resign. He expects to labor at the West.

52. RUMFORD reports two conversions, and no Sabbath School.

53. SANFORD and SOUTH SANFORD need a vigorous pastor to work the two fields; let it be tried.

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54. What can be done for the feeble churches at ST. ALBANS and ATHENS? Forty-seven members in one, and thirty-nine in the other, are too many Congregationalists to be left without the ordinances.

55. SHERMAN is one of the stations to be held, and to be worked vigorously. It promises to become self-sustaining at no distant day. Within the last year, a new field has opened at Silver Ridge, and nearly fifty conversions are reported there. The pastor says, "a church, or a branch, can soon be organized." There is no other strong evangelical work in the vicinity of Sherman Mills. Substantial aid should be granted here, till the region is developed.

56. SOLON loses pastor Smith. He has worked faithfully. He has received and accepted a call to the church in Waterville.

57. Rev. J. M. H. Dow labored a few weeks at SOMESVILLE, as an Evangelist, and formed a church there. Rev. A. R. Plumer, who has of late supplied there one-third of the time, reports that ten or eleven others will unite with the church in July.

58. SPRINGFIELD and LEE is a hard field. Our missionary seemed to accomplish very little during his six months there. No supply has been asked, or sent, for the present summer.

59. Rev. J. P. Trowbridge writes from STANDISH, "though there is good feeling between myself and my church, I contemplate resigning." We hope he does not mistake in this act. The continued pastorate is most likely to succeed in building up a church.

60. STEUBEN is an interesting field. There is no church. But there is good material, so soon as the right time comes to organize.

61. STOW and CHATHAM. There should be a union here, with one or more of the feeble churches in the vicinity.

62. STRONG reports financial discouragement. An unfortunate failure has crippled their resources. Still the pastor feels like remaining at the present, though at great sacrifice. Eighteen have been added to the church, and eight or ten others are to be gathered in soon.

64. Here is another expression of the desire of our country churches, for a constant ministry. Mr. Gordon was ordained at TEMPLE, June 16th, and has the prospect of doing much good.

65. There ought to be more than one minister for all the stations on MT. DESERT. The ground will need to be carefully considered soon.

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66. The usual success is reported in connection with UNION. The Reformers occupy the meeting house in the afternoon of each Sabbath, while pastor Norcross preaches at Appleton. He reports a good congregation, and a hopeful field there.

67. The people at RIVERSIDE have made great effort to do their part towards the support of Mr. Peacock.

68. The little rural church in WASHINGTON has been fortunate in securing the continued service of Rev. J. J. Bulfinch. He reports a good interest in prayer-meetings, and in the Sabbath School. The meeting house has been repaired somewhat, and repainted, and carpeted. Five hundred dollars has come into the treasury, as a legacy from the estate of the late Dea. Starrett, of this church. The prospect is good for another year. It is gratifying to learn that the Methodists there yield a claim for a minister of their own, as was their due by agreement. A little of kindly reciprocity in the matter of these unions is pleasant.

69. Last year, WELD did not ask for missionary aid. They were supplied most of the time. They ask for partial help in the support of Mr. Barnaby for the summer.

70. Rev. G. S. Kemp closed his labors at WEST NEWFIELD with March. He served this church faithfully for thirteen years, and left with the love and esteem of his people.

Mr. J. A. Kellogg has engaged with the people for a year, and everything seems promising.

72. WHITNEYVILLE and MARSHFIELD. These churches support a student for the summer only. They should have a constant supply. Bro. John Vassar has been laboring with these churches, and marked results follow. Several conversions are reported at Marshfield. Mr. C. A. Perry, of Bangor Seminary, supplies for the vacation.

73. Seven additions are reported at WILTON. The people are deeply interested in the instructive preaching of Rev. U. W. Small, the larger part of whose ministry has been at the West.

74. WINDHAM still retains its beloved pastor Wiswall. For almost twenty-four years, he has broken the bread of Life for this people. He is one of the few fathers in the ministry in Maine.

75. Light and shade intermingle at WOOLWICH. Death is doing its work. Among the departed is the venerable Dea. John Stinson, at the age of 90. For fifty six years, he served as deacon of this church. A new organ has been placed in each of the houses of worship. The

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pastor says, "we will hold on our way a little yet, striving for faith to obtain large things of God."

76. YORK 2d church reports three additions.

On the whole, success has attended most of the missionaries in their labors for the year, and we have reason to take courage and go forward.

SUMMARY.

The table will show that ninety missionaries have been employed during the past year. Forty-five of these are ordained ministers, and forty-five are licentiates. Thirty-seven of these were employed the whole year (or nearly so) and fifty-three for six months and less. The aggregate amount of labor performed is forty-eight and one-half years. The average congregations were 6,355. So far as ascertained there have been 413 conversions. There have been added to the churches by profession 268, and by letter seventy-three.

These churches report 3,603 members; 2,146 in the prayer-meeting; 4,961 in the Sunday Schools. They have contributed to the Maine Missionary Society $1,981.56; and to other objects, $1,083.55; in all $3,065.11.

Two new houses of worship have been dedicated; one at Abbot Village, October 10, 1876, and one at Baldwin, June, 1877. Several of the reports speak of repairs and re-fittings, more or less extensive.

A church was organized at Somesville, in December, 1876.

Dedham, Edgecomb, Houlton, Jackson, East Orrington, Ligonia, Silver Ridge, Solon and Strong, have been especially blessed with revivals. By these results, we feel that God has not forgotten to be gracious to the struggling churches of Maine. We rejoice in these rich spiritual fruits of another missionary year.

TREASURY.

The Treasurer has received from the churches, and from individuals, $9,912 76, and from legacies and bequests, $2,065 84, in all, from the people, $11,978 60.

With this amount, and the available income from permanent funds, the treasurer has paid all demands upon him, up to June 21st, excepting $1,506 00, but orders due July 1st are drawn for $2,919 00; hence there will be needed July 1st, $4,425 00. The same was true last year, as

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this; the accounts showed but $155 apparent debt June 26th. But on July 1st some $3,400, or more, was added for services rendered the preceding quarter.

Might it not be well to close the year at the date of the annual meeting, reckoning the orders soon due, in the accounts of the current year, and thus report an actual debt, if there be a debt?

It is hoped that the contributions forwarded at this meeting will go far towards canceling the obligations just maturing. Most earnestly do the trustees appeal for help in lifting at once the coming debt. The future comfort and success of all concerned, depend largely upon this. It can be done! How the thousands have rolled in to relieve the sufferings at burning St. John! It is right. Hard must be the heart that did not respond quickly, and largely, according to ability! But the moral destitution of Maine calls upon christians to be prompt and liberal in sending the needed assistance.

SYSTEMATIC COLLECTIONS.

In a report of a committee on systematic benevolence, at the General Conference in 1875, it was recommended, "that the managers of the Maine Missionary Society consider the advisability of requiring a weekly collection to be taken by churches applying for aid, as a condition of affording them pecuniary assistance."

The committee had in mind the ordinary difficulty and task of collecting subscriptions for the support of preaching; and the policy of distributing and equalizing the payment, so as to make it less burdensome, and more certain, and larger in amount. That recommendation has not been adopted. But this mode of raising needed funds has been tried by several churches, and the result corroborates the wisdom of the suggestion. In no single instance has it failed, where it has been fairly tried; and generally it has surpassed the expectation of the movers.

It seems to be the scriptural way, too. Israel was taught to bring an offering, when they came into the courts of the Lord, if they hoped to worship acceptably. Here is a higher motive, then, than that of mere policy. The same will hold for the stronger churches, as for the weaker, both for home support and for benevolent contributions. Regularity in payment will secure larger amounts, and bring to the treasury in better season. It is hoped that the time draws nigh, when the weekly, or the monthly, offering in the sanctuary shall become a

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part of our Sabbath worship, and shall be conscienciously rendered by all.

But regularity in time only will not secure the best results. There must be regularity also in the proportion of the gift to the income. No matter what proportion is decided as right, at least let the payment be as the pledge.

The tithing rule is naturally suggested to the reader of the Old Testament, as perhaps the best in ordinary circumstances. Let it be applied, and it will work wonders for the funds of our benevolent institutions. How soon would "the wilderness and the solitary place" and "the desert" "rejoice, and blossom as the rose."

There has lately come into the treasury of this society a little box, lined with these texts, written in a fair hand: "And of all that thou shalt give me, I will surely give the tenth unto the Lord." Gen. 28:22. "The tenth shall be holy unto the Lord." Lev. 27:32. Between these, nestled three one-dollar bills, and three ten-cent scrips. This was found among the valuables of a christian young lady, a member of a missionary church, after her death, and it has been forwarded just as she left it.

"There shall also this that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her." Matt. 26:13. We recommend her example, and the underlying principle of systematic giving.

ECONOMY.

These are times that call for a wise economy. Those who give for benevolent objects, at the present, and often at great denial, have a right to demand it, and to scrutinize the acts of those who disburse their funds. Now *this* society cannot well be charged with extravagance in administration. For a series of years, the expense has been little beyond the salary of the Secretary, at a moderate sum. Our excellent Treasurer has given his services, and so has been a liberal contributor, in this substantial form. Still for some time to come, the problem must be how to accomplish the most, with the means granted.

With nearly a hundred churches, and twice as many preaching places to be supplied, and one half the other churches barely self-supporting—and only so at great sacrifice—there are but few able to give largely to the Society. Then there are unoccupied fields which *need* the influence of the preached gospel, if they do not *ask* for it. Under such pressure, what can be done?

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While not a single Congregational church in Maine, that is feeble, should be overlooked in the regard of the society, and sympathy should be expressed to any community desiring aid, the churches, and the trustees of the Society, must canvass thoroughly every application for aid. The people must school themselves to do all they can toward self-support, and only appeal for help which is absolutely needed.

Again, some should sacrifice their desire for *all-day* services, and share the labor of their pastors with others.

But let it be *understood* that this plea for economy is not so much to save the people from *giving*, as to insure them that the *best use* will be made of the money given. Those who have supported missions so nobly in the time past, may rest assured that *more* will be needed for years to come. There is a call, yea a demand, for extension—the extension of Congregationalism. Why not? We believe in it; we believe that it is scriptural in form; we believe that it is adapted to the genius of our National institutions; we believe that it is liberal and tolerant; we believe that there is life in it to stimulate, and elevate, and save a people; we believe that no other form can do these things better. Why hesitate to enlarge our influence, and educate to our views?

So, while we would not cultivate denominational jealousy, and would have an understanding with sister evangelical churches in regard to economy of missionary work, and would cultivate a spirit of compromise, or rather "of liberty and mutual toleration" for the sake of doing good, *still* in every lawful way, we would seek to establish Congregational churches, and to develop them into self-support, as the best means of building up the kingdom of Christ on earth.

The Maine Missionary Society cannot be charged with narrow sectarianism, for it disburses of its funds, every year, to ministers of various names. No doubt, for smaller places, the very best economy would be to mass the several audiences into one, and work this under one leader.

And yet, with this spirit of union, and of willingness to co-operate with any branch of Christ's church, we must work as God gives us opportunity, and as we are best *fitted* to work. So if we seek to advance *Congregationalism*, it is because we thus expect to advance the *church* of *Christ* on earth.

THE DUTY OF LOCAL CONFERENCES.

A great work presses upon this society. Much of the State is yet undeveloped. The cry for christian sympathy and help comes from

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various quarters. The directing officers of the Society cannot do *alone* all that is necessary, to answer these calls understandingly, and satisfactorily.

Some of the older Conferences are quite settled in their *denominational* tendencies, and the work is simply to "strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die." *In* this work the local Conferences can help. The Secretary hinted this in a communication to the Christian Mirror, not long since. The County Conference is an expression of church fellowship; it should know the condition of needy members, advise with them in their discouragements, and stimulate to action, and help in securing ministers.

At its annual conference, two weeks since, York County took action in this direction, which is worthy of notice. A resolution was adopted "to the effect that York County should support its own work, and should raise next year, at least $1,100.

A judicious committee on *Home Missions* was appointed, whose report is to be a feature of each annual meeting, and whose duties are defined to be:

1st. To secure an annual collection from each church, for the Maine Missionary Society.

2d. To confer and advise with the Secretary of the Maine Missionary Society, in regard to appropriations, and *for* him to examine, and *to* him report, upon applications for aid.

3d. By visitation, etc., to encourage and help the aided churches."

This action of York Conference, with that of Washington, and the resolution adopted by Lincoln and Sagadahoc Conference, viz: "That the churches of the Conference be invited to release their pastors for one sabbath or more, that they may go and assist the feeble churches in the conferences," and that missionary meeting which was the leading feature of Union Conference, and considered the relation of the churches to missions, in reference to Evangelists, looks like "advance along the line," and promises progress and success. We commend the spirit to all our Conferences. We need their help, and recognize gratefully the interest already expressed so cordially.

A PERMANENT MINISTRY.

There is a growing desire, with some of our missionary churches, for a more permanent ministry. Those that have been satisfied with short pastorates, and have rather *sought* change, now try to retain their

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pastors. And some that have been satisfied with student supply, for vacation, and for Sabbath merely, find themselves in the condition expressed by the phrase "dying daily." Though, for the time being, these supplies are a *great deal* better than nothing, and *most* of them are *very good*, still it will not do to continue them *too* long, if the result is to be paralysis and death. With some, the approach thitherward has been very rapid and certain. But for the Maine Missionary Society, many of these churches, once vigorous, would shut their well kept houses of worship, and disband. On the other hand, there are instances where such dying churches have been revived, and strengthened, by the presence and labors of a pastor, at no greater cost to this society than the supply. Indeed, so evident is the advantage of the constant ministry, some of our sister Societies in other states, feel justified in increasing the appropriation to the settled pastor.

We record with pleasure and satisfaction, the fact that three good men were found in the last graduating class at Bangor, who were willing to be ordained at once over missionary churches. We want more of these men who are willing to buckle on the harness, and enter fully into the service. And they deserve reward—in the sense they wish to be rewarded—in the building up of the churches.

SHALL THE SOCIETY EMPLOY EVANGELISTS?

It is the object of this Society, among other things, to strengthen feeble churches; to arouse sleeping churches; and to save souls. It becomes a question as to the instrumentalities adapted to secure this result.

Nothing can take the place of a regular and devoted pastorate. *Give* this, if *possible*. But *here* is the lack! what then?

"Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same spirit; and there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord; and there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all." So may we make use of all the gifts.

Bands of christian workers from the Y. M. C. A., have awakened deep interest in some localities, and many conversions have followed. God bless them! But their stay is too brief to secure the best results, or to gather the fruits into any church; and often, without a continuing leadership, the good accomplished largely vanishes.

May not more be done for immediate results, by sending out the proper men, in the proper season, to the proper place, to labor for weeks

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continuously, for the conversion of souls, and for their subsequent instruction in the duties of the christian life? If the work is *worth doing*, it should be done by our own men—men as reliable as Paul, and Barnabas, and Timothy—men "thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

A *proper* denominational work tends to permanence, by which alone the *highest* good is secured. There must be confidence in the *men*, or the people will not be led to harmonious action. These men can be found from our own pastors.

But what is to *guide* them in their work? Partly the officers of this Society, and partly the members of the different local Conferences may direct. Pastors of missionary churches, or neighboring ministers, or laymen, who have looked at the prospect, and may know the necessity, or Conference committees who have examined the ground carefully, may indicate the hopeful points.

Such a work has been begun in Washington County of late. At the conference in Eastport, they passed unanimously the following:

"*Resolved*, That we, the members of this conference, are in favor of introducing Colportage into this County, as a branch of Missionary work; and that if the Maine Missonary Society shall send a Colporter to labor somewhat permanently in connection with our feeble churches, we shall heartily approve their action in so doing."

Colporter John Vassar, of the American Tract Society, has been prosecuting this work vigorously in Washington County, under the direction of the pastors. And his labors have been blessed in a marked and signal manner. Souls have been converted in Marshfield and elsewhere.

In this connection, may be mentioned the almost imperative need of one or more *general missionaries*. Our State is large. The work of superintending is difficult. The personal presence of directors is demanded for the Aroostook, and for Washington, and elsewhere. Perhaps the right man for such an appointment, may do the work of an evangelist, while he can supersede some of the itinerant work of unordained men, and give to the churches occasional communion service. It will not be altogether an experiment to try this, for it has succeeded in other States, with our *own* denomination; and in *this* State, with *other* denominations.

THE AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

Employed, the last year, 996 ministers. These men labored in thirty-two different States and Territories. 2196 congregations and stations

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have been supplied. The aggregate of ministerial labor is equal to 727 years. Seventy-two churches have been organized, and twenty-seven have become self-supporting. Thirty-two houses of worship have been completed; ninety-six repaired; and twenty are in process of erection; 5,394 conversions are reported, and 5,448 additions by profession.

The receipts for the last year were $293,712.62, and the expenditures $310,604.11, which leaves $7,897.38 still due to missionaries.

The officers feel that in some particulars, a gratifying advance has been made in the work of the society.

Attention is called to the Sunday School work. The society has taken up the Missionary department of the Sunday School work, which has been laid down by the Congregational Publishing Society.

The several auxiliaries will have the management on their respective fields, and the superintendents will take the oversight, so that there will be but little additional expense. A small monthly, called "*The Sunday School Leaflet*," will be published and distributed.

A mighty work is before this society, for the immediate future. It needs the prayers, and the contributions, of all who love the kingdom of Christ, and desire to have it set up in every *part* of our land.

Rev. H. M. Storrs, accompanied by Superintendents Warren and Cobb, during a three months tour in New England, visited many of the important cities and towns, in the hope of exciting a wider and deeper interest in the great work of evangelizing our whole country.

They gave two weeks to Maine, and were heard with interest, wherever appointments were made.

They call upon Maine to consider the *broader* work for the *whole* field, as the best means to enlarge the *local* work, at home. Massachusetts and Connecticut, for example, have wonderfully increased their Home Missionary receipts, since they began to plead for the American Continent, rather than for their local States only. There is force in their reasoning, and we hope the time may come soon, when an overflowing treasury will enable us to pour large receipts into the wider channels.

The Sunday School work is important. The Maine Missionary Society has not yet entered upon this work as a separate department. And yet there is great need of something of the kind, to supply the missionary Sunday Schools with proper helps in their work. This matter is worthy of notice, and may be made available for the future.

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The master calls to go forth and labor in his vineyard. "The *field* is the *world*." Let us enter into the harvest. The heathen claim our efforts. The continent of North America is given to *us* for an *inheritance*; and with us is a part of the responsibility in its redemption and salvation. But *Maine* is peculiarly *our field* for cultivation, and it calls upon us, as the family calls upon the father, for care, and for support, and for education.

There is *another side* to the *world-wide* view. The more we build up the churches at home, the more of vital piety we develop in them, the larger will be the contributions for missionary Societies other than our own. God grant the consecrated heart, and the open hand, to all his children.

The Trustees confidently appeal to the Congregational churches of Maine to sustain them in their efforts to evangelize the State. There is great need of work, for there is a wide destitution; much scepticism; more indifference; and a growing unwillingness to be reminded of spiritual danger, or to be disturbed by gospel truths.

Still, let the Conferences come to the work, and the Churches feel their responsibility, and individuals seek what duty is, and pastors become filled with the apostolic spirit, and wonders will be accomplished, both at home and abroad. Truly it may be said, "A *great door* and *effectual* is *opened*, and there are many adversaries." But in God is our help.

In behalf of the Trustees,

J. E. ADAMS,
Secretary.

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ANNUAL MEETING.

The Maine Missionary Society met in the Congregational Church, Calais, at 9 o'clock A. M., June 27, 1877.

The meeting was opened by devotional services, conducted by the President, Rev. J. O. Fiske.

The Treasurer's report was read by Rev. H. F. Harding.

This Report was accepted and adopted, and thanks were voted the Treasurer, Joshua Maxwell, Esq., for his faithful and gratuitous services.

The report of the Trustees was read by the Secretary, Rev. J. E. Adams.

The acceptance of the Report was moved by Rev. C. H. Wheeler, and seconded by Rev. S. C. Fessenden, and was adopted. Rev. E. F. Cutter added remarks. Rev. S. P. Fay, Rev. S. Thurston, and others, appealed for aid in building a house of worship at Houlton, and encouragement was given.

Prayer was offered by Rev. C. L. Woodworth. The annual sermon was preached by Rev. L. L. Paine, of Bangor, Texts, Luke 4:43, Mark, 16:15, and 19:20.

The thanks of the Society were voted the preacher, for his sermon, and a copy was requested for publication.

Officers were elected for the year to come. See page 78.

Adjourned.

Attest,—J. E. ADAMS,
Recording Secretary.

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TREASURER'S

Dr. MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY, IN ACCOUNT

1877.

June 21—To Balance in the Treasury, as settled June, '76.....$1045 17

PERMANENT FUND.

To dividend Casco Nat. Bank, $200; Casco Nat. Bank, $286,	$486 00	
" " Manuf. " " $80; Medomack, " $19,	99 00	
" " State " " $30; P. S. & P. Railroad, $18	48 00	
" Lewiston Falls Manuf. Co., 00; Bath City Coupons $150,	150 00	
" Portland City coupons, $120; P. & Rochester R. R., 00,	120 00	
" Payson Memorial Church $35; St. Louis Coupons $60,	95 00	
" Thornton income, $49; Saco & Biddeford Sav'gs B'k $58.01	107 01	
		$1,105 01
William B. Sewall fund, income to Mrs. Sewall,.....	$335 51	
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Income from Fifield estate.....	$168 31	
Rev. Dr. Thurston, preaching.....	17 00	
Rev. J. E. Adams, "	10 00	
		$195 31

LEGACIES.

Late Mrs. L. W. Maxwell, Wells (annual).....	$6 00	
Deacon Calvin Starrett, Washington, Me., $400 and $100.....	500 00	
Abijah Hall, Paris, $25; Israel True, Falmouth, $579.84.....	604 84	
Israel Warren, Fryeburg, $1000 bond E. & N. A., sold for...	405 00	
Mrs. P. Jenkins, Portland, $50; Mrs. C. Houghton, Bath, $500	550 00	
		$2065 84
Received for Loan Casco Bank $984.50, $593.70, $984.50.....		2562 70
" from churches, col., donations, annuity, L. Mem. etc.		9912 76
" for City Portland Bond matured, $1000 belonging to Permanent Fund, ...		1,000 00
		$18,222 30

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REPORT.

WITH J. MAXWELL, TREASURER. *Cr.*

1877.

June 21—By paid Missionary on Trustees' orders			$11,787 77
" " Rev. Dr. Thurston, $150.75; do. $335.07; do. $128.27			$614 09
" " Assessment Lewiston Falls, Co., $175			175 00
" " Abbott Fund interest, $30; Mrs. Field, interest $35			65 00
" " Wm. B. Sewall Fund, to Mrs. Sewall, $335.51	335 51		
" " Sewall Fund, interest to Mrs. Bourne, $216	216 00		
			551 51
" " Thurston & Co., printers, $144.25; Mirror bill $34.67	$178 92		
" " To Per. Fund legacy, Payson Memorial Church by Mr. Conant, omitted last year,	500 00		
" " paid renewal note Casco Bank,	15 50		
			$694 42
" " Rev. J. E. Adams,			1164 93
" " Paid notes Casco Bank,			2600 00
" " Treasurer's account as per bill rendered			75 28
Balance in the Treasury			494 30
			$18,222 30

The Society is indebted to the Bank,	$1000	$18,222 30
To the Permanent Fund,	1000	
	$2000	

We the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched, and showing a balance in the Treasury, of four hundred ninety-four dollars, and thirty cents, ($494.30.)

THOMAS R. HAYES, } Auditors.
GEO. F. THURSTON. }

PORTLAND, June 23, 1877.

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ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE.

Burlington	$86 21	Patten	6 50
Caribou	2 00		
Sherman Mills	8 00	Amount	$114 96
Houlton	$12 25		

Expended in the Conference for the year, $1460.05.

CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE.

Portland—State St.	$525 02	Scarboro	$32 00
" High St.	466 75	Auburn	338 56
" Second Ch.	104 50	South Freeport	10 00
" Plymouth	52 00	Gorham	36 27
" Williston Chapel	2 00	Gray	34 68
Lewiston	75 00	Ligonia	8 00
Westbrook, 2d	15 35	Minot	21 25
Yarmouth Central	55 00	Standish	17 00
" 1st	126 28	Windham	14 40
West Auburn	33 00	Freeport	35 00
North Yarmouth,	33 00	New Gloucester	42 00
Deering Cong. Ch.	20 51		
Cumberland	20 00	Amount	$2244 61
Brunswick	127 04		

Expended.....$955.

FRANKLIN CONFERENCE.

Temple	$69 50	Wilton	$31 00
Farmington	52 00	Strong	5 50
Farmington Falls	55 00		
Weld	12 35	Amount	$225 35

Expended.....$574.

HANCOCK CONFERENCE.

Amherst	$25 00	Mt. Desert	$4 15
Bucksport	100 00	Orland	30 00
Bluehill	9 50	Somesville	7 00
Castine	79 10	West Brooksville	5 00
Deer Isle	35 31	Trenton	31 77
North Deer Isle	1 94		
Ellsworth	10 00	Amount	$338 77

Expended.....$737.25.

KENNEBEC CONFERENCE.

Augusta	$398 70	Litchfield	$27 00
Hallowell	212 64	Winslow	40 00
Gardiner	75 00	Winthrop	31 05
Monmouth	83 00		
Richmond	46 00	Amount	$921 93
Pittston	8 54		

Expended.....$340.

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LINCOLN CONFERENCE.

Bath, Winter St	$469 75	Wiscasset	$20 00
" Central	306 60	Washington	5 00
Boothbay, First	34 00	Waldoboro	62 75
" Second	40 00	Thomaston	40 15
Edgecomb	30 00	Union	12 00
Bristol	23 00	Warren	30 00
Newcastle, First	5 00	Rockland	56 00
Newcastle, Second	38 95	Topsham	8 27
Bath, Friends	11 35		
Woolwich	20 00	Amount	$1213 82

Expended.....$760.

OXFORD CONFERENCE.

Bethel, First	$47 25	Oxford	$12 00
" Second	10 00	Sumner	13 00
Andover	6 50	County Conference	9 75
Gilead	8 00	Rumford	20 00
Norway, First	10 17		
Norway, Second	40 00	Amount	$219 67
South Paris	43 00		

Expended.....$574.

PENOBSCOT CONFERENCE.

Bangor First	$206 96	Lee and Springfield	$9 71
" Hammond St	230 59	East Orrington	14 00
" Central	335 00	Hampden	58 27
" Essex St	5 74	Holden	6 00
" A Friend	25 00	Oldtown	17 30
" Incidental	50 00		
Dedham	23 77	Amount	$1055 59
Brewer, First	73 25		

Expended.....$902.

PISCATAQUIS CONFERENCE.

Brownville	$21 45	Greenville	$34 09
Dexter	32 05	Monson	16 29
Abbot	10 00	Dover	66 52
Blanchard	10 25		
Sangerville	4 00	Expended	248 77
Garland	54 12		

Expended.....$1296.

SOMERSET CONFERENCE.

Anson	$5 00	Norridgewock	$50 00
Mercer	40 75	Skowhegan	31 00
Madison	61 64	West New Portland	75
Athens	5 00		
New Portland	1 00	Amount	$205 18
St. Albans	10 04		

Expended.....$709.50.

UNION CONFERENCE.

Albany	$26 50	Brownfield	$28 00
Buxton	20 00	Bridgton	8 50
Buxton, North	6 90	Lovell	12 50
Fryeburg	30 25	Waterford, North	2 25
Harrison	7 00	Bridgton, North	10 00
Hiram	4 41		
Sweden	16 70	Amount	$177 01
Stow and Chatham	4 00		

Expended.....$825.

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WALDO CONFERENCE.

Belfast, First	$151 75	Searsport, Second	$17 00
Camden, Elm St.	64 25	Sandy Point	17 00
Freedom	97 00	Frankfort	25 00
Jackson and Brooks	23 00		
Waldo Conference	6 50	Amount	$657 50
Searsport, First	256 00		
Expended	$484.50.		

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

Calais	$50 00	Princeton	$85 00
Dennysville	28 00	Steuben	67 00
Jonesport	104 00	Whiting	57 00
Machias	141 23	Whitneyville	70 30
East Machias	60 35	Washington Conference	27 71
Milltown, N. B.	56 85	Marshfield	42 00
Northfield	40 00		
Robbinston	92 50	Amount	$921 94
Expended	$852.01.		

YORK CONFERENCE.

Acton	$40 00	York, Second	$30 00
Alfred	27 00	Saco, First	47 00
Biddeford, First	71 48	Sanford	32 00
" Second	58 37	Wells, First	33 00
Cornish	10 00	Wells, Second	17 00
Kennebunk	80 00	Kittery, First	15 00
Kennebunkport, First	12 06	York Conference	48 00
" Second	32 55	West Newfield	24 10
Limerick	12 60	South Berwick	6 00
Lebanon	25 00		
York, First	22 05	Amount	$643 21
Expended	$980.66.		

MISCELLANEOUS.

A friend, Sandwich Islands, $400 gold	$427 42
Rev. S. Hayward, Gilsum, N. H.	5 00
Rev. R. B. Howard, E. Orange, N. J.	15 00
Dr. Haley and Wife, Peabody, Mass	4 00
Lady Friend, Boston	20 00
A Friend, Mass.	7 00
Mrs. Julia A. Johnson, Wethersfield, Conn	2 00
Rev. Jotham Sewall, Chicago, Ill	5 00
Rev. S. Thurston, for preaching	17 00
J. E. Adams	10 00
	$512 42
General Conference Collection 1876	100. 85
	$613 27

The amount in the foregoing table, is $9,801.67, received; $11,449.97, expended.

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LIFE MEMBERS.

Recognized since last annual report:

ABBOT VILLAGE.
Foss, Dea. Chas.

ALBANY.
Hutchinson, Dr. Chas.

AUGUSTA.
Milliken, Mrs. Sarah M.
Nason, Mrs. Elizabeth M.
Sewall, Alfred P.
Stanwood, Miss Margaret C.

BANGOR.
Sanford, Miss Charlotte W.
Adams, Eddie C.
Adams, Freddie W.

BATH.
Bowker, Mrs. Eliza

BELFAST.
Beaman, Mrs. Dea.
Craig, Mrs. Eliza
Johnson, Mrs. Frances D.
Noyes, Mrs. J. H.
Pierce, Mrs. Maria S.

BENNINGTON, VT.
Park, Miss Sarah C.

BETHEL.
Davis, Mrs. Abner
Kilbourn, Dea. Sam'l W.

BIDDEFORD.
Haley, Miss Melinda

BOOTHBAY.
Carter, Dr. John A.
Hodgdon, Capt. Francis M.
Kenniston, Geo. B.

DEERING.
Bosworth, Rev. W. A.

FRANKFORT.
Pierce, Mrs. Louis F.

FREEPORT.
Belcher, Miss Anna R.

GARDINER.
Larrabee, Mrs. Priscilla M.
Whitmore, Miss Sarah

GRAY.
Cummings, David B.

HALLOWELL.
Gardiner, Miss Laura
Wilson, Mrs. Chas.

KENNEBUNK.
Smith, Mrs. Charlotte F.

LEWISTON.
Dickerman, Rev. G. S.

MACHIAS.
Coffin, Mrs. Emily
Gardiner, John
Smith, Mrs. Susan C.

PHIPSBURG.
Bowker, Mrs. Mary
Ortiz, Mrs. Charlotte

RUMFORD.
Libby, Mrs. Eunice R.

SEARSPORT.
Hamilton, Warner
Lane, Miss Lizzie
Pendleton, Albert
Pendleton, James
Porter, William
Porter, Frank
Rogers, Capt. Albert

SACO.
Scammon, Mrs. Sarah Olive

THOMASTON.
Dunn, Miss Annie E.
Fales, Miss Eliza J.
Henderson, Miss Jennie W.
Vose, Miss Marie I.

WEST AUBURN.
Gogswell, Mrs. Ellen M.

WILTON.
Small, Rev. U. W.
Small, Mrs. Mary E.

YARMOUTH.
Grant, Mrs. Elizabeth
Kyle, Mrs. Deborah Jane
Shaw, Lorenzo L.

The ACT OF INCORPORATION and the CONSTITUTION of the MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY, may be found on pages 83, 84, of the Minutes and Reports for 1872.

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CITIES AND TOWNS ALPHABETICALLY ARRANGED.

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John D. Emerson.....Biddeford, Second Ch.....Jan. 2, 1877.....Minutes 1877, p. 61

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Dea. JOSEPH S. WHEELWRIGHT,....*Treasurer*,.....Bangor.
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Rev. STEPHEN L. BOWLER,.....*Committee Sabbath Schools*,.....Machias.
Rev. CHARLES WHITTIER,.....*Chairman Com. Nominations*,. ...Dennysville

Officers of the Maine Missionary Society.

Seventy-second Anniversary, June 25, 1879.

Rev. JOHN O. FISKE, D. D,..... ....*President*,.....Bath.
Dea. JOSEPH S. WHEELWRIGHT,....*Vice-President*,.....Bangor.
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Fifty-first Annual Meeting, June 24, 1879.

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Rev. SEWALL TENNEY, D. D.,.....*Vice-President*.....Ellsworth.
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Dea. J. S. WHEELWRIGHT,.....*Auditor*,.....Bangor.

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Sixty-first Annual Meeting, June 25, 1879.

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Prof. HENRY F. CHAPMAN,.....*Treasurer*,..... .Brunswick.
CHARLES N. BATES, ...*Auditor*,.....Brunswick.

Woman's Board of Missions.--State Auxiliary.

Sixth Anniversary, June 26, 1879.

Committees to report June, 1879.

On Evangelization.—Revs. L. L. Paine, D. D., J. E. Adams and S. L. Bowler.

On the Sabbath.—Revs. J. O. Fiske, D. D., H. S. Huntington, and Dea. T. R. Hayes.

Education.—Revs. B. Tappan, D. D., L. L. Paine, D. D., and C. G. McCully.

Bowdoin College.—Rev. I. P. Warren, D. D., Rev. B. Tappan, D. D., and Prof. H. L. Chapman.

Articles of Faith.—Revs. C. Hamlin, D. D., J. O. Fiske, D. D., A. Packard, D. D., W. Warren, D. D., and L. Wiswall.

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MINUTES OF 1878.

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The FIFTY-SECOND Annual Meeting of the GENERAL CONFERENCE OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES IN MAINE, was held with the High St. Cong'l Church in AUBURN, commencing on Tuesday morning, June 25, at 9 o'clock.

The *Moderator*, Rev. William H. Fenn, of Portland, not having arrived, the Recording Secretary called to order, and to the choice of a Moderator *pro tem*,

Rev. Israel P. Warren, D. D., of Portland, was elected.

United in singing Hymn No. 116—(Book of Praise:)

"Come thou fount of every blessing."

The Moderator, on arriving, took the chair, and read the first chapter of Ephesians.

Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D., of Bath, led in Prayer.

Revs. William F. Obear, of New Castle; and Charles H. Gates, of Kennebunkport, were appointed a Committee to receive the credentials of members.

DELEGATES.

COUNTY CONFERENCES REPRESENTED.

AROOSTOOK.

Rev. William A. Merrill, of Sherman.
Rev. Charles N. Sinnett, of Fort Fairfield.
Rev. Zenas Crowell, of Houlton.
Chas. F. A. Johnson, of Presque Isle.

CUMBERLAND.

Rev. Henry S. Huntington, of Gorham.
Rev. Jona. G. Leavitt, of N. Gloucester.
Rev. Frank E. Clark, of Portland.
Dea. Samuel W. Larrabee, of Portland.
William D. Pennell, of Lewiston.
William E. Gould, of Deering.

FRANKLIN.

Rev. Uriah W. Small, of Wilton.
Rev. Osgood W. Rogers, of Farmington.
Dea. J. P. Thwing, of Farmington.
Dea. Calvin D. Sewall, of Farmington

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HANCOCK.

Rev. Daniel W. Hardy, of Bluehill. Prof. George T. Fletcher, of Castine.

KENNEBEC.

Rev. Thomas Adams, D. D., of Winslow. Dea. John Hancock, of Litchfield.
Rev. Henry F. Harding, of Hallowell. Dea. C. B. Bragdon, of Monmouth.

LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOC.

Rev. Lewis Geodrich, of Warren. Dea. H. C. Robinson, of New Castle.
Rev. Nahum W. Grover, of Topsham. Michael F. Gannett, of Bath.
Rev. Henry S. Loring, of Phipsburg. Henry Tolman, of Bath.

OXFORD.

Rev. Edwin S. Tingley, of Turner. Dea. Elbridge Poor, of Andover.
Rev. George A. Lockwood, of Oxford. Dea. Thomas G. Goodwin, of Norway.

PENOBSCOT.

Rev. Cyrus Hamlin, D. D., of Bangor. Frederic A. Thayer, of Bangor.
Rev. Alfred J. McGown, of Orono. Moody P. Moulton, of Dedham.

PISCATAQUIS.

Rev. Peter B. Thayer, of Garland. Dea. Josiah B. Mayo, of Foxcroft.
Rev. Charles Davison, of Greenville. Dea. Charles Foss, of Abbot.

SOMERSET.

Rev. Benj. Tappan, D. D., of Norridgewock. Dea. A. Kennison, of Norridgewock.
Rev. Thomas G. Mitchell, of Madison.

UNION.

Rev. Charles L. Mann, of Casco. Hon. George B. Barrows, of Fryeburg.
Dea. Richard Mayberry, of Casco.

WALDO.

Rev. Stephen Thurston, D. D., of Searsport. Rev. Benj. B. Merrill, of Searsport.

WASHINGTON.

Rev. Charles Whittier, of Dennysville. Rev. Stephen L. Bowler, of Machias.

YORK.

Rev. Charles H. Gates, of Kennebunkport. Rev. Benjamin Southworth, of Wells
Rev. George F. Tewksbury, of Lyman. Joshua Small, of Limington.

EX-OFFICIIS.

OFFICERS.—Revs. William H. Fenn, of Portland; Ezra H. Byington, of Brunswick; Israel P. Warren, of Portland; Addison Blanchard, of Westbrook; Austin L. Park, of Gardiner; Deas. Elnathan F. Duren, and Joseph S. Wheelwright, of Bangor.

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MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES.—Revs. Jonathan E. Adams, of Bangor; Addison Blanchard, of Westbrook; Stephen L. Bowler, of Machias; Almon H. Burr, of Hallowell; Frank E. Clark, of Portland; Charles D. Crane, of South Paris; Zenas Crowell, of Houlton; George S. Dickerman, of Lewiston; Solomon P. Fay, of Bangor; John O. Fiske, D. D., of Bath; Charles H. Gates, of Kennebunkport; Cyrus Hamlin, D. D., of Bangor; Daniel W. Hardy, of Bluehill; Joseph Kyte, of Buxton; George A. Lockwood, of Oxford; Herbert A. Loring, of Foxcroft; Benjamin B. Merrill, of Searsport; William A. Merrill, of Sherman; Thomas G. Mitchell, of Madison; William F. Obear, of Damariscotta; Austin L. Park, of Gardiner; Sam'l W. Pearson, of Andover; Osgood W. Rogers, of Farmington; Benjamin P. Snow, of Alfred; Benjamin Tappan, D. D., of Norridgewock; Anson P. Tinker, of Auburn; Stephen Thurston, D. D., of Searsport; I. P. Warren, D.D., of Portland, and Charles Whittier, of Dennysville; Professors Henry L. Chapman, of Brunswick; George T. Fletcher, of Castine; George B. Barrows, Esq., of Fryeburg; H. N. Bolster, of South Paris; Elnathan F. Duren, of Bangor; William E. Gould, of Portland; Samuel W. Larrabee, of Portland; J. R. Learned, of Auburn; Joseph S. Wheelwright, of Bangor.

MINISTER OF THE PLACE.—Rev. Anson P. Tinker.

PREACHERS.—Revs. William Hart, of Bath; Frank E. Clark, of Portland.

DELEGATES WHO FULFILLED THEIR APPOINTMENTS.—Rev. William H. Fenn, of Portland, to the National Council; Revs. Flavius V. Norcross, of Union, to Maine Baptist Convention; and Osgood W. Rogers, of Farmington, to Maine Methodist Conference.

REPRESENTATIVE FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Rev. Henry P. Torsey, LL. D., of Kent's Hill, from the Maine Methodist Episcopal Conference.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM BENEVOLENT ORGANIZATIONS.

American Board Commissioners for Foreign Missions.—REV. HENRY S. HUNTINGTON, of Gorham, for REV. WILLIAM WARREN, D. D., Dis. Sec'y.

REV. CYRUS HAMLIN, D. D., of Bangor.

American Missionary Association.—REV. LEWIS GROUT, of West Brattleboro, Vt.

American Bible Society.—REV. EDWARD W. GILMAN, D. D., of New York, Secretary.

American Congregational Union.—REV. WILLIAM P. BROWN, D. D., of New York, Secretary.

REPORTS OF DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Rev. William H. Fenn, of Portland, was present at the National Convention, held in Detroit, Oct. 17—21, 1877.

Rev. Osgood W. Rogers, of Farmington, fulfilled his appointment to the Maine Methodist Conference, held in Farmington, and was cordially received.

Rev. Flavius Norcross, of Union, reported subsequently that he was present at the session of the Maine Baptist Missionary Convention, in

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Biddeford, to represent the Conference, and was kindly received, and cordially welcomed.

VACANCIES IN COMMITTEE OF NOMINATIONS.

Rev. William Forsyth, of Hancock Conference, and Rev. Amos Redlon, of Piscataquis Conference, were chosen to take the place of two whose term of office expires.

EAST MAINE METHODIST CONFERENCE.

A letter was read from Rev. Cyrus Stone, D. D., of Bangor, Delegate from that Conference, to us, enclosing a communication concerning the licensing of members connected with the Methodist Church, by the Penobscot Association.

On motion of Rev. J. O. Fiske, D. D., it was referred to a Committee, comprising Revs. Cyrus Hamlin, D. D., S. P. Fay, of Bangor, and Geo. S. Dickerman, of Lewiston.

INVITATION BY THE MODERATOR.

The Moderator, in accordance with Article 3 in the Constitution, extended an invitation to ministers and others to take part in the deliberations of this body, except in voting.

EXPENSES OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL.

Rev. E. H. Byington, of Brunswick, introduced two resolutions reported by the Committee on Finance at the National Council, at Detroit, and adopted by that body, and moved that they be referred to a Committee of this Conference, to report what action shall be taken, thereon.

The following are the resolutions referred to:

1.—That the necessary expenses of the Council, publishing Minutes, Statistics, etc., should be met by its constituent bodies; and that the Council requests the several State Associations and Conferences to solicit contributions amounting to *one cent* per member of their respective churches, and remit the same to the Treasurer of this Council.

3.—That, if the Publishing Committee find it desirable to issue the Annual Statistics and List of Ministers for free distribution, one to each church in our fellowship, then, in the succeeding two years, the Treasurer may ask for a contribution not exceeding *one-half cent* from each member in each of those years, for that purpose.

Committee.—Rev. E. H. Byington, of Brunswick; George B. Barrows, of Fryeburg; and William E. Gould, of Portland.

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HOME EVANGELIZATION.

Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Bangor, from the Committee appointed last year to report on this subject, stated that they were not prepared to do so. It was voted, that the subject be re-committed to them, to report next year.

THE SABBATH.

A Communication was read by Rev. Dr. Fiske, of Bath, from Dea. Thomas R. Hayes, of Portland, in reference to the desecration of the Sabbath, and asking some action by the Conference upon it.

On his motion the subject was referred to a Committee consisting of Revs. J. O. Fiske, D. D.; Austin L. Park, of Gardiner; George A. Lockwood, of Oxford; Deas. Samuel W. Larrabee, of Portland; and H. N. Bolster, of South Paris.

A RECESS

was voted, which was occupied in fraternal greetings, and social converse, for fifteen minutes.

11 o'clock A. M.—Conference resumed its session.

United in singing,—"He leadeth me." (No. 19, Gospel Hymns.)

Rev. John H. Windsor, of Grafton, Mass., (formerly pastor in Saco, Me.,) led in prayer.

THE WEEKLY OFFERING AS A PART OF WORSHIP.

This topic was introduced by Rev. George R. Merrill, of Biddeford, followed by Revs. George S. Dickerman, of Lewiston; Dr. I. P. Warren, of Portland; E. H. Byington, of Brunswick; David Garland, of Bethel; William H. Fenn, of Portland; Dea. Tristram G. Mitchell, of Yarmouth; and others.

Reference was made to the value of this system as an act of worship; as a means of grace; as an expression of love and loyalty to Christ and His Cause, and securing more contributors and contributions. A service in accordance with the spirit and design of Christianity, and practiced under the Old and New Testament dispensation.

After a Report from the Committee of Arrangements,—adjourned.

2 P. M.—United in singing Hymn 526,—

"Saviour like Shepherd lead us."—(*Greenville.*)

The Moderator read Gen. 18: 16—33.

Dea. Tristram G. Mitchell, of Yarmouth, led in prayer.

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Devotional exercises were continued, participated in, (but without any previous arrangement,) by those who had been three-score and ten years, or more, in the service of the Master. Rev. Thomas Adams, of Winslow; Rev. Josiah T. Hawes, of Litchfield; Dea. John Hancock, of Litchfield; and others.

United in singing,—

Hymn—"Thus far the Lord, hath led me on."—(*Hamburg.*)
Hymn 488.—"Blessed Saviour, Thee I love."—(*Spanish Hymn.*)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Rev. Ezra H. Byington, of Brunswick, Corresponding Secretary of the Conference, presented the state of the churches, for the year past.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Warren, of Portland,

Voted,—That the Report be accepted, and published with the Minutes.

On motion of Rev. A. L. Park, of Gardiner,

Voted,—That it be published also in The Christian Mirror.

Dr. Warren, in connection with his motion, desired that we might pause, and unite with the Moderator in giving thanks to God for His great mercies to us, the past year. If there had been an advance, it was because God had granted it.

The Moderator led in the service.

Remarks suggested by the Report were made by Revs. J. O. Fiske, D. D., of Bath; Webster Woodbury, of Skowhegan; John B. Wheelwright, of Deering; and John H. Windsor, of Grafton, Mass.

United in singing,—

Hymn 723,—"Glorious things of Thee are spoken, O Zion.—(*Rosefield.*)

THE MINISTERS WANTED FOR MAINE.

This topic was introduced by William E. Gould, of Portland. He dwelt chiefly on the need of brave men, well trained men, and men who will stick. His discourse is published in Christian Mirror, June 29.

He was followed by Revs. Dr. Hamlin, of Bangor; Dr. S. Thurston, of Searsport; C. H. Gates, of Kennebunkport; H. F. Harding, of Hallowell; William Hart, of Bath; Benjamin B. Merrill, of Searsport; E. H. Byington, of Brunswick; W. P. Brown, D. D., of New York; Dea. Richards, of Cape Elizabeth; and George B. Barrows, Esq., of Fryeburg.

After the calling of the Roll,—adjourned to 8 P. M.

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MAINE CONGREGATIONAL CHARITABLE SOCIETY.

Incorporated February 25, 1829.

FIFTIETH ANNUAL MEETING.

Tuesday evening, at 7½ o'clock.

The President, and Vice-President, not being present, Rev. Solomon P. Fay, of Bangor, one of the Trustees, was called to act as President *pro tem.* He read a part of the sixth chapter of The Acts, and led in prayer.

The Report of the Treasurer, Rev. J. E. Adams, of Bangor, was presented.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in the Treasury, 1877,		$527.12
Contribution at Annual Meeting in Calais,		50.76
(1) From four churches,		83.31
From three individuals,		16.65
Interest, 78.00 Dividends, 4.30		82.30
Bequest,		252.00
		$1012.14

EXPENDITURES.

Paid to thirteen families,	$430.00
Expenses,	31.64
Balance in the Treasury to new account,	550.50
	$1012.14

(1) Bangor, Hammond St. Ch.,	$30.00	Farmington,	$15.25
Biddeford 2d,	23.06	Searsport 1st,	15.60

Remarks were made by Revs. S. P. Fay, and J. E. Adams.

Contribution taken. Amount, $37.25.

OFFICERS OF THE MAINE CONGREGATIONAL CHARITABLE SOCIETY.

Rev. Wooster Parker, ... *President*, ... Belfast.
Rev. Sewall Tenney, D. D., ... *Vice-President*, ... Ellsworth.
Rev. Edward F. Cutter, D. D., ... *Secretary*, ... Belfast.
Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, ... *Treasurer*, ... Bangor.
Dea. Joseph S. Wheelwright, ... *Auditor*, ... Bangor.

The President, Secretary, and Treasurer, *ex-officiis*, Rev. Messrs. E. Pond, S. Tenney, S. Thurston, J. K. Mason, E. H. Byington, and S. P. Fay, *Trustees.*

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8 o'clock.—Conference resumed its session.

Rev. William H. Fenn, of Portland, Moderator, presiding.

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CLASSICAL SCHOOL.

On motion of Rev. H. F. Harding, of Hallowell, a Committee of five were chosen to confer with the Trustees of the Hallowell Classical School, in reference to the presentation of the subject to the Conference, viz: Wm. E. Gould, G. B. Barrows, Revs. G. R. Merrill, J. O. Fiske, D. D., and J. E. Adams.

CONFERENCE SERMON.

Organ Voluntary, by Mr. B. F. Wood.

Anthem by the choir,—

Soprano, Mrs. Joseph Thomas; *Contralto*, Mrs. S. P. Robie; *Tenor*, Mr. W. H. Jones; *Bass*, Mr. T. J. Adams.

"Jesus lover of my soul,"—*by W. C. Williams.*

Reading part of the 25th chapter of Matthew, and prayer by Rev. Henry S. Huntington, of Gorham.

The choir and congregation united in singing Hymn 509,—

"How firm a foundation."

Sermon by Rev. William Hart, of the Central Church, Bath. Text, Jeremiah, 13:23. Theme,—Permanence of Character. (Extract in Ch. Mir., June 29.)

Sung hymn 509,—

"All hail the power of Jesus name."

Prayer and benediction by the preacher.

SECOND DAY,---Wednesday, June 26.

6 A. M.—Prayer-meeting, conducted by Rev. Cyrus Hamlin, D. D., of Bangor. Motives and encouragements to Christian fellowship, and to fidelity in the Master's service were presented. A report of the revival in Washington Conference, and in other parts of the State were referred to.

8:15.—Conference resumed its session.

United in singing hymn 550,—

"Jesus lover of my soul."—(*Martin.*)

The Moderator read a part of the fourth chapter of Joshua.

Rev. Charles Packard, of New Hampshire, formerly of Limerick, Me., led in prayer.

Sung Hymn 922,—"How honored is the Place.—(*Olmutz.*)

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United in prayer with Dea. John Hancock, of Litchfield; Joseph Jackson, of Auburn; and Rev. Henry S. Loring, of Phipsburg.

THE SABBATH.

Rev. J. O. Fiske, D. D., of Bath, Chairman of the Committee to whom was referred a communication on this topic, (page 7,) reported the following resolutions, which were accepted and adopted:

Resolved, 1.—That this Conference regards with serious apprehension and grief, the great, and we fear increasing desecration of the Lord's day, by pleasure excursions on steamboats and railroad trains, and other conveyances, and by unnecessary travel.

Resolved, 2.—That we regard the reverent and religious observance of the Sabbath as vital to the best interests of religion; and consequently, of our country and humanity.

Resolved, 3.—That we earnestly recommend to the churches the use of such means as they may deem advisable for arresting and removing this great evil; and to our ministers, that with proper frequency and clearness they present the grounds of our obligation religiously to observe the Lord's day, and how we ought to observe it.

Resolved, 4.—That some member or members of this Conference be appointed to present to the Conference next year, a report on Sabbath desecration, suggesting the best means of resisting and abating it.

Resolved, 5.—That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the other religious bodies of this State with which we are in fraternal correspondence.

Rev. Dr. Fiske added remarks in reference to maintaining the religious observance of the Sabbath.

The Committee appointed to report on the subject, agreeably to the fourth resolution: Rev. Dr. Hamlin, of Bangor; Rev. H. S. Huntington, of Gorham; and Dea. Thomas R. Hayes, of Portland.

ASSISTANT CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

On motion of Rev. E. H. Byington, of Brunswick,

Resolved,—That Rev. Austin L. Park, of Gardiner, be appointed Assistant Corresponding Secretary for the term of one year.

LITERARY TITLES.

On motion of the same,

Resolved,—That the vote of the Conference which prevents the insertion in the Minutes of literary titles of Ministers, be rescinded.

After brief remarks by members of the Conference, on motion of Rev. S. L. Bowler, of Machias, the resolution was laid upon the table.

It was subsequently taken up, on motion of Rev. E. H. Byington, and after a short debate, the resolution was adopted.

Adjourned.

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Maine Missionary Society.

Organized in 1807.

SEVENTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY.

9 o'clock A. M.

Organ Voluntary by B. F. Wood. Offertaire in G.— *Wely.*

The choir sung,—

"God shall charge his angel legions."

The President, Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D., of Bath, read the tenth chapter of Luke, and led in prayer.

Response by the choir,—

"Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit."—(*B. F. Wood.*)

Hymn 532, by the choir,—

"Love Divine, all love excelling."—(*Schubert.*)

Sermon, by Rev. Webster Woodbury, of Skowhegan.

Text, Acts 5: 42. "And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and to preach Jesus Chirst." Three elements of the preaching of the Apostles were,—Christ crucified, raised and exalted,—Salvation through Him.

The choir sung,—

"I will lift up mine eyes,"—(*Dudley Buck.*)

The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer, which were read, the remarks following, the sermon, and the business transacted, may be found in another part of this pamphlet.

Annual contribution, $69.08.

Prayer and benediction by the President.

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2 o'clock P. M.—Conference resumed its session.

The Moderator read the 61st chapter of Isaiah. Rev. William A. Bosworth, of Cumberland Conference, led in prayer.

United in singing Hymn 720,—

"I love Thy Kingdom, Lord."

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GREETINGS FROM THE UNIVERSALIST CONVENTION.

The following communication was read:

The Universalist State Convention now holding its Annual Session in the city of Auburn, sends Christian greetings to the Congregational State Conference, who are holding their annual session, in the same city.

Per order of the Council.

PHO. HOWE, Portland,
J. A. SEITZ, Norway.
H. S. WHITMAN, Mechanic Falls.

On motion of Rev. E. H. Byington, of Brunswick,

Voted,—That the communication be referred to a Committee of three, to report a response to the same.

COMMITTEE.—Revs. E. H. Byington, of Brunswick; Drs. Hamlin, of Bangor, and Tappan, of Norridgewock.

The Committee subsequently reported the following reply:

The General Conference of the Congregational Churches in Maine acknowledge the reception of the Christian greetings of the Universalist Convention now in session in this city, and reciprocate the kind feeling it expresses.

Voted,—That this reply be signed by the Moderator, and forwarded by the Secretary.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Rev. Cyrus Hamlin, D. D., presented the great work to be accomplished by the missionary enterprise, the indications of progress, and the privilege of being identified with it.

Rev. Henry S. Huntington, of Gorham, in behalf of Rev. W. Warren, D. D., the District Secretary of the A. B. C. F. M., reported the inability of Dr. W. to be present on account of illness, and that he would take charge of any communication for him.

United in singing Hymn 775,—v. 1, 4,—

"Come Kingdom of our God."

AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL UNION.

Rev. William P. Brown, D. D., of New York, Secretary, presented the interests of this Society, established to aid in building meeting-houses.

On motion of Rev. Geo. S. Dickerman, of Lewiston, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved,—That we heartily commend the American Congregational Union under the present management, to the hearty and generous support of all our churches.

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AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

Rev. Lewis Grout, of West Brattleboro, Vt., presented the work of this Association among the millions of Freedmen, Chinese, and Indians.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

Rev. Edward W. Gilman, D. D., of New York, one of the Secretaries, presented the work and claims of this Society.

United in singing Hymn 776,—

"O Lord, our God! Arise."

BANGOR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Rev. Frank L. Clark, of Portland, in behalf of the Committee who visited the Seminary at its last anniversary, presented their report. It was accepted, and adopted,—to be published in the Minutes.

BOWDOIN COLLEGE.

Professor Henry L. Chapman, in behalf of the College, desired that it might receive the prayers, and co-operation of the churches.

Remarks were added by Revs. I. P. Warren, D. D., Geo. S. Dickerman, E. H. Byington, J. O. Fiske, D. D., and B. Tappan, D. D.

Some discussion was had in reference to a visitation of the College, at the examination, by a Committee of the Conference, and a resolution was introduced to that effect; but as the wishes of the government of the College in reference to the subject, were not fully known, the resolution was withdrawn, and the matter was referred to a Committee to report next year.

COMMITTEE.—Rev. I. P. Warren, D. D., Rev. B. Tappan, D. D., and Professor H. L. Chapman.

HALLOWELL CLASSICAL SCHOOL.

Rev. Henry F. Harding, of Hallowell, Secretary of the Board of Trustees, referred to the four years of its successful operation; the need of funds to sustain it, and the past action of the Conference, in reference to the school. A further presentment to be made this evening.

Adjourned.

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7:30.—Evening.

PRAISE MEETING.

Conducted by Rev. Henry B. Mead, of Saccarappa.

Organ Voluntary by Mr. B. F. Wood. Allegretto by *Semmers.*

Anthem by the choir,—

"To thee be praise forever." Arranged as a Quartette from Sir Michael Costa.

Doxology, by choir and congregation,—

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

Mr. Mead read the 96th Psalm, and led in prayer.

Organ Response. Pastorale by *Wely.*

The choir and congregation, united in singing, Hymn, 287,—

"Come, happy souls, approach your God,"—v. 1 2, 4. (*Dedham*)

Hymn 550—"Jesus lover of my soul,"—v. 1, 2. (*Litany.*)

" 627—"Sing, ye redeemed of the Lord,"—v. 1, 2. (*Hummel.*)

" 239—"Come, Thou Almighty King,"—v. 1, 2. (*Italian Hymn.*)

" 438—"O sweetly breathe the Lyres above."

The choir sung v. 1, 4, to the tune of *Webster*; the choir and congregation, v. 2, 5,—tune, *Federal Street.*

Anthem by the choir,—

"Only wait." Hymn by *C. A. Hasen.*

All united in singing,—

"Hold the fort."

8 o'clock.—The Moderator being absent, Rev. Addison Blanchard, of Cumberland Mills, at his request occupied the chair, who introduced the topic for the evening.

THE HALLOWELL CLASSICAL SCHOOL.

United in prayer, with Rev. Edward Benner, late Professor in Drury College, Springfield, Mo.

Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D., of the Committee to confer with the Trustees of this Academy, made a report, and in view of the facts presented, recommended the adoption of the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas,—The obligations to uphold and support the Hallowell Classical Academy, rests upon the Congregational churches of Maine, and its abandonment will be both suicidal and dishonorable; and whereas, the Trustees in the present exigency, must consider that the failure to provide the funds necessary to pay the debts, will be equivalent to instructions to them to close the school and pay the liabilities, therefore

Resolved,—That measures be immediately adopted by the Conference, which shall preserve this school by securing the foundation repeatedly pledged by votes of the churches in Conference, but not yet subscribed.

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Remarks, sustaining the report of the Committee, were made by Professor Henry L. Chapman, of Bowdoin College; Rev. Egbert C. Symth, D. D., of Andover Theo. Sem'y; Hon. George B. Barrows, of Fryeburg; Rev. A. P. Tinker, of Auburn; and Hon. Joshua Nye, of Augusta, Treasurer of the Institution.

The Report and Resolutions were adopted.

Rev. Rowland B. Howard, suggested that it might be desirable to appoint a Committee to consider and report upon the resolution.

On motion of Rev. E. H. Byington,

Voted,—That the Resolutions be referred to a Committee of one from each local Conference.

COMMITTEE.—Rev. Zenas Crowell, of Aroostook; Dea. S. W. Larrabee, of Cumberland; Revs. O. F. Rogers, of Franklin; D. W. Hardy, of Hancock; A. L. Park, of Kennebec; W. F. Obear, of Lincoln and Sagadahoc; E. C. Crane, of Oxford; Dea. J. S. Wheelwright, of Penobscot; Revs. H. A. Loring, of Piscataquis; T. G. Mitchell, of Somerset; Hon. G. B. Barrows, of Union; Rev. S. Thurston, D. D., of Waldo; Rev. C. Whittier, of Washington; Rev. C. H. Gates, of York.

Hon. George B. Barrows, of Fryeburg, referred to resolutions passed by the Trustees of Bowdoin College, recommending the continuance of the Hallowell Classical School, and the sustaining of two additional Preparatory Schools,—and offered the following resolution for the consideration of the Conference:

Resolved,—That the plan already approved by the Trustees and Overseers of Bowdoin College of raising one hundred thousand dollars for the endowment of three institutions of learning in different parts of the State, as fitting Schools for the College, meets our hearty approval, and are earnestly desirous that the members of our denomination shall respond liberally to the solicitations of the authorized Agent of the College.

This resolution was referred to a Committee of three, to report at the next Annual Session of the General Conference.

COMMITTEE.—Rev. B. Tappan, D. D., of Norridgewock; Rev. Prof. L. L. Paine, D. D., of Bangor; and Rev. C. G. McCully, of Calais.

BARRON MEMORIAL CHURCH, DEXTER.

An appeal was made in behalf of this object, at the meeting of the Maine Missionary Society yesterday, and responses made. Reference was made to it again this evening, and Rev. J. S. Richards, the pastor at Dexter, passed through the audience, during the session of the Conference, receiving additional amounts.

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The Moderator subsequently stated that Mr. Richards desired that he would report to the Conference, that he had received in money and pledges, from individuals and churches, the sum of $412.50. The whole amount received from various sources, $1612.50. Sum needed, $2400.00.

Adjourned,—after Benediction by Rev. R. B. Howard, of New York.

THIRD DAY.--Thursday, June 27.

6 o'clock A. M.—Prayer-meeting conducted by Rev. R. B. Howard. A large attendance, and a meeting of much interest. The chief theme,—"It is more blessed to give than to receive." Incidents illustrating this, were given. The importance of securing the best educational and religious privileges for the young was also considered, and prayer was offered for them, and the schools.

8:15 A. M.—United in singing Hymn 690,—
"How sweet to bless the Lord." (*St. Thomas.*)

The Moderator read a part of the eighth chapter of Romans.

Prayer by Rev. David Garland, of Oxford Conference.

NATIONAL COUNCIL.

Rev. E. H. Byington, of Brunswick, Chairman of the Committee referred to on page 6, reported the following resolutions:

Resolved,—That in accordance with the recommendation of the National Council, held at Detroit, a sum amounting to one cent per member be paid to the Treasurer of the Council, towards the expenses of said Council; the same to be collected in the same manner as the money for printing the Minutes of this Conference.

Resolved,—That this Conference do not advise that the churches be asked to contribute a further sum toward the publication of the annual statistics, as recommended in the third resolution of the National Council.

Dea. Stephen Sewall, of Winthrop, having sent a package of Tracts on Tobacco, as in previous years, for free distribution, the thanks of the Conference were voted to him for the same.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Report of the Treasurer, Dea. J. S. Wheelwright, of Bangor, was presented by him.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from old account,	$ 9.79	
Collection at Annual Meeting in Calais, 1877	24.62	
(1.) From County Conferences, balance, 1876,	147.64	
(2.) From County Conferences, for 1877,	281.80	
Balance due Treasurer to new account	17.86	
		$481.71

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Thurston & Co., balance due 1876	$175.01	
Dingley & Co., for Cor. Sec'y, 1876	11.00	
Burr & Robinson, Minutes and Expenses, 1877	180.00	
Postage, Freight and Expenses, 1877	96.40	
Corresponding Secretary, Blanks, &c., 1877	15.53	
" " " " 1878	3.77	
Total,		$481.71

(1.) Cumberland,	58.71	Lincoln and S.,	7.25	Waldo,	4.00
Franklin,	9.50	Oxford,	13.44	York,	21.07
Hancock,	27.67	Somerset,	6.00		
		Total,			$147.64

(2.) Aroostook,	5.00	Lincoln and S.,	25.00	Union,	17.00
Cumberland,	75.00	Oxford,	15.00	Waldo,	10.00
Franklin,	12.00	Penobscot,	25.00	Wash'n,	18.00
Hancock,	15.00	Piscataquis,	14.80	York,	30.00
Kennebec,	20.00	Total,			$281.80

The report was accepted, and has been duly audited.

A recess of Conference was voted, to give opportunity for the annual meeting of the American College and Education Society.

MAINE BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE AND EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Organized in Portland, Nov. 19, 1818.

SIXTIETH ANNUAL MEETING.

Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath, Vice-President, in the chair.

Rev. Frank E. Clark, of Portland, was chosen Secretary *pro tem.*

The Report of the Treasurer, Prof. Charles H. Smith, of Brunswick, was read by the Secretary, and accepted.

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RECEIPTS.

(1) Contributions from twelve churches	$261.87	
Paid by Rev. H. S. Loring, $5, Rev. J. Dinsmore, $5,	10.00	
Bank dividends	40.00	
Bequest of D. M. Field, Paris, Me.	100.00	
Central S. S., Bangor,	25.00	
		$436.87

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Parent Society by Treasurer,	$364.36	
Paid Parent Society by Churches,	49.51	
Carried to new account,	23.00	
		$436.87

(1) Augusta,	$20.53	Brewer, 1st,	$5.25	Gorham,	$14.90
Bangor, Ham. st.	40.00	Brunswick,	16.00	Portland, State st.,	67.14
Bath, Winter st.	39.54	Foxcroft, Dover,	21.00	Wells, 1st,	12.34
Biddeford, 2d,	13.00	Fryeburg,	5.67	York, 1st,	6.50
					$261.87

The Treasurer of the Parent Society reports paid to beneficiaries in Bangor Theological Seminary, $1800, less returned $25—$1775,—in Bowdoin College, $25.

After remarks by Dr. Fiske, proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

OFFICERS OF THE MAINE BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE AND EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Rev. ENOCH POND, D. D., ... *President*, ... Bangor.
Rev. JOHN O. FISKE, D. D., ... *Vice-President*, ... Bath.
Rev. FRANK E. CLARK, ... *Secretary*, ... Portland.
Prof. HENRY L. CHAPMAN, ... *Treasurer*, ... Brunswick.
CHARLES N. BATES, ... *Auditor*, ... Brunswick.

DIRECTORS.—President and Secretary, *ex-officiis;* Prof. ALPHEUS S. PACKARD, of Brunswick; and Dea. GEORGE A. THATCHER, of Bangor.

Annual collection, $48.90. Adjourned.

Conference resumed its session.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Rev. Osgood W. Rogers, of Farmington, Chairman of the Committee, made the following report, which was accepted and adopted, as follows:

COMMITTEES.

Standing of Ministers.

Rev. ENOCH POND, D. D., ... Bangor.	Rev. JOHN O. FISKE, D. D., ... Bath.
Rev. STEPHEN THURSTON, D.D., Searsport.	Rev. SEWALL TENNEY, D.D., Ellsworth.
Rev. JOHN J. CARRUTHERS, D.D., Portland	

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Sabbath Schools.

Rev. Stephen L. Bowler, of Machias.

Publication of Minutes.

Dea. Elnathan F. Duren, of Bangor. Rev. Austin L. Park, of Gardiner.
Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Bangor.

To visit the Theological Seminary, Bangor.

MEMBERS.	RESIDENCE.	CONFERENCE.
Rev. William A. Merrill,	Sherman Mills,	*Aroostook.*
Hon. William W. Thomas,	Portland,	*Cumberland.*
Rev. Uriah W. Small,	Wilton,	*Franklin.*
Rev. Daniel W. Hardy,	Bluehill,	*Hancock.*
Rev. William C. Curtis,	Richmond,	*Kennebec.*
Rev. Flavius V. Norcross,	Union,	*Lincoln & Sagadahoc.*
Rev. Edwin S. Tingley,	Turner,	*Oxford.*
James H. Bowler, Esq.,	Bangor,	*Penobscot.*
Rev. Jehiel S. Richards,	Dexter,	*Piscataquis.*
Rev. John W. Brownville,	Solon,	*Somerset.*
Hon. George B. Barrows,	Fryeburg,	*Union.*
Rev. Wellington R. Cross,	Camden,	*Waldo.*
Rev. Charles G. McCully,	Calais,	*Washington.*
Rev. Edward Chase,	Biddeford,	*York.*

DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Delegates to attend in person, or send a written communication.—Rule 13.

MAINE CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

May 1879, in Pine Street Church, Portland.

PRIMARY.	SUBSTITUTE.
Rev. Frank E. Clark, of Portland.	Rev. William A. Bosworth, of Deering.

EAST MAINE CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

May, 1879, in Dover.

Rev. Herbert A. Loring, of Foxcroft. Rev. Chas. J. H. Ropes, of Ellsworth.

MAINE BAPTIST MISSIONARY CONVENTION.

June 17, 1879, in Second Baptist Church, Bangor.

Rev. Javan K. Mason, D. D., of Fryeburg. Rev. Benjamin B. Merrill, of Searsport.

FREE WILL BAPTIST YEARLY MEETING.

August 20, 1878, in Fort Fairfield.

Rev. Ezra N. Smith, of Waterville. Rev. Anson P. Tinker, of Auburn.

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By vote of Conference, [Minutes 1872, p. 9,] the sending of Delegates to State Conferences is discontinued. Any member of Conference, who may be present at either of the meetings, is authorized to represent this body. A list of State Conferences and Associations, with time and place of meeting, may be found in the Appendix.

NEXT MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

On Tuesday preceding the fourth Wednesday of June, (24) 1879, at nine o'clock A. M., with the Church in Winthrop.

Committee of Arrangements.

Rev. Warren F. Bickford, and Dea. Henry Woodward, of Winthrop; Revs. Austin L. Park, of Gardiner, and James H. Ecob, of Augusta.

Committee to represent the Maine Branch of the American College and Education Society, and the Maine Congregational Charitable Society.

Rev. ALMON W. BURR, of Hallowell. Rev. EDWARD F. CUTTER, of Belfast.

Preacher.

Rev. JOHN S. SEWALL, Bangor, *Prin.* Rev. HERBERT W. LATHE, Portland, *Sub.*

Committee on Nominations.

Rev. CHARLES WHITTIER, of Washington Conference.
Rev. JONATHAN EDWARDS, of Penobscot Conference.
Rev. ABIEL H. WRIGHT, of Cumberland Conference.
Rev. WILLIAM A. MERRILL, of Aroostook Conference.
Rev. WILLIAM FORSYTH, of Hancock Conference.
Rev. AMOS REDLON, of Piscataquis Conference.

Treasurer, Dea. JOSEPH S. WHEELWRIGHT, of Bangor; *Auditor*, Dea. WILLIAM S. DENNETT, of Bangor.

SALUTATIONS OF OTHER BODIES.

Rev. Henry P. Torsey, D. D. LL. D., of Kent's Hill, presented the fraternal greetings of the Maine Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Moderator responded, proffering to the delegate the right hand of fellowship.

A letter was read from Rev. Joseph Barker, of Sheffield, N. B., delegate from the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, conveying the fraternal greetings of that body. He expresses the hope that some members of the General Conference of Maine, may be able to attend the next meeting, to be held in Yarmouth, N. S., on the 7th of September next.

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A letter from Rev. Cyrus Stone, D. D., of Bangor, delegate from the East Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was read at a previous session. It conveys the Christian salutations of that body, and anticipates the usual pleasure of greeting a visitor from us at the next annual meeting in Dover.

EAST MAINE METHODIST CONFERENCE.

Rev. S. P. Fay, of Bangor, Chairman of the Committee appointed to consider the communication of this body, referred to on page 6, reported the following reply, which was adopted:

To the East Maine Methodist Episcopal Conference:

Your communication in reference to the action of the Penobscot Association in licensing members of the Methodist Church has been received, and the undersigned were appointed a Committee to reply.

The Conference deeply regret that any occasion of complaint, on the part of our Methodist brethren should arise. But as the State Conference has no jurisdiction over a local Association, the whole matter should be referred to that Association.

S. P. FAY,
C. HAMLIN.
G. S. DICKERMAN.

HALLOWELL CLASSICAL SCHOOL.

Rev. Dr. Thurston, of Searsport, Chairman of the Committee, referred to on page 16, reported the following resolutions, which were agreed to:

Resolved,—That a Committee of three be appointed to prepare a Circular, stating the condition and need of the School, to be sent to every Congregational minister in the State, with the request that it be read to his congregation, and that the ministers be desired to co-operate with the accredited agent of the Trustees of the School, in securing the contributions of the people.

The Committee appointed:—Rev. S. Thurston, D. D., Rev. H. V. Emmons, of Hallowell, and Rev. A. P. Tinker, of Auburn.

Resolved,—That the following Committee be chosen as a Standing Committee, to confer with the above Committee, and the Trustees of the School, for the promotion of its interests.

From Androscoggin County, Rev. George S. Dickerman, of Lewiston; Aroostook Conference, Rev. Charles N. Sinnett, of Fort Fairfield; Cumberland Conference, Dea. S. W. Larrabee, of Portland; Franklin Conference, Rev. Osgood W. Rogers, of Farmington; Hancock Conference,

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Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine; Kennebec Conference, Rev. Austin L. Park, of Gardiner; Knox County, Rev. Charles H. Pope, of Thomaston; Lincoln and Sagadahoc Conference, Rev. William F. Obear, of Damariscotta; Oxford Conference, Rev. Charles D. Crane, of South Paris; Penobscot Conference, Hon. Joseph S. Wheelwright, of Bangor; Piscataquis Conference, Rev. Herbert A. Loring, of Foxcroft; Sagadahoc County, Rev. William Hart, of Bath; Somerset Conference, Rev. Webster Woodbury, of Skowhegan; Union Conference, Hon. John P. Perley, of Bridgton; Waldo Conference, Rev. Benjamin B. Merrill, of Searsport; Washington Conference, Rev. Stephen L. Bowler, of Machias; York Conference, Rev. Benjamin P. Snow, of Alfred.

Remarks were made by Revs. Drs. Hamlin and Torsey, and Professor George T. Fletcher, of Castine, on the general interests of Education, and the importance in particular of sustaining the Institution at Hallowell.

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE.

Dr. Torsey having suggested that it might prove of great advantage to hold a convention of the teachers and officers of our higher institutions of learning,

Rev. Dr. Warren, of Portland, introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved,—That an Educational Committee of five be appointed by this Conference to have under consideration the relation of our schools to the cause of religion, and to confer and co-operate with any similar Committees that may be appointed by our brethren of other denominations, in behalf of this common interest.

Committee.—Rev. I. P. Warren, D. D., of Portland; Prof. H. L. Chapman, of Bowdoin College, Brunswick; Prof. G. T. Fletcher, of the Eastern State Normal School, Castine; Prof. Roliston Woodbury, of the Western State Normal School, Farmington; and Rev. B. P. Snow, of Alfred.

Rev. Dr. Hamlin led in prayer, with special reference to the educational interests, which have been considered.

United in singing,—

"I love Thy Kingdom, Lord."

TEMPERANCE.

The venerable apostle of Temperance, Rev. Thomas Adams, D. D., a delegate from Kennebec Conference, introduced the following resolutions, which were adopted:

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Resolved, 1.—That our hearty thanks be rendered to Almighty God, for the degree of success that has already crowned the efforts of the friends of Temperance, and that we still regard it as a cause demanding our watchful care, and our earnest and prayerful efforts.

Resolved, 2.—That we regard the policy of the Prohibitory law, as abundantly vindicated by its results.

FUTURE PUNISHMENT.

The consideration of this subject was in response to the question,—"What do recent discussions and the wide popular interest in regard to the doctrine of eternal punishment demand of our Congregational Ministers and Churches?"

Remarks by Rev. Drs. John O. Fiske, Cyrus Hamlin, and Lewis Grout.

We should seek to know what the Word of God teaches; simply and reverently to receive it, though we may not now fully comprehend the meaning. We must make it clear that the penalty of the law applies only to those who live and die unrepentant sinners. It does not apply to unsinning infants, or unsinning heathen. That we do not believe the sufferings of the lost are of a physical, or material nature, nor that all suffer equally; that opposition to the truth, furnishes no good ground for renouncing it; and that we are not to be held responsible for all the misrepresentations that are made in regard to our belief. The great truths of the Bible are like the granite foundations of the earth. Doubts in regard to the plain teachings of the Bible, originated not with men eminent in science, philosophy, or religion. We should not forget that God was a Judge and Ruler, as well as a Father. (The Remarks of Dr. Fiske, who opened the discussion, are published in Ch. Mir., July 13.)

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Rev. Stephen L. Bowler, of Machias, presented his Report as Secretary for Sabbath Schools,—which was accepted, and referred to the Committee of Publication.

CONFESSION OF FAITH.

George B. Barrows, Esq., of Fryeburg, introduced the subject of publishing a simple Creed,—and moved the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved,—That it is expedient to choose a Committee, who shall report at the next Conference, a short and simple Confession of Faith, for the convenience of those churches as may wish to adopt it.

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After a brief discussion, by the mover, Rev. Drs. I. P. Warren, and Rev. J. O. Fiske, and Rev. E. H. Byington, the resolution was adopted.

COMMITTEE.—Rev. Drs. C. Hamlin, J. O. Fiske, William Warren, A. S. Packard, and Rev. L. Wiswall.

Adjourned.

CLOSING SESSION.

2 P. M.—Organ Voluntary. Adagio Cantabile. *Haydn.*

Anthem by choir. "Prepare ye the way of the Lord." *Garnott.*

COMMITTEES.

Several Committees were announced by the Moderator, which are inserted in connection with the subjects, referred to them.

IN MEMORIAM.

The Recording Secretary gave the Necrology for the year. Notices may be found on subsequent pages.

The choir sung Hymn 610,—

"In Heavenly Love Abiding."

SERMON AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.

The 26th chapter of Matthew was read, and prayer offered by Rev. Herbert A. Loring, of Piscataquis Conference.

The choir and congregation united in singing Hymn 552,—

"Rock of Ages."

Sermon, by Rev. Frank E. Clark, of Cumberland Conference.

Text: Matt. 26:39. "O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt." The significance of the ordinance of the Lord's Supper, and of the sufferings and death of Christ. (Pub. in Ch. Mir., July 13.)

Prayer by the Preacher.

Response by the Choir,

"O to be nothing."

An invitation was given to all who desired to unite in the ordinance of the Supper, to sit with us in its observance.

This was administered, with prayer by Rev. E. H. Byington, of Brunswick, and Rev. F. V. Norcross, of Union,—assisted in the distribution of the elements, by Deacons Samuel W. Larrabee, of Portland;

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C. H. B. Woodbury, of Dover; Mason J. Metcalf, and Charles B. Bragdon, of Monmouth.

United in singing a Hymn. Annual Collection $18.23.

Rev. Wm. F. Obear, of Lincoln and Sagadahoc Conference, remarked he was positive that he should give expression to the feelings of the General Conference, when he said,—we have had a good time. We trust that we have been quickened in our spiritual life; that the spirit of sacrifice has been re-kindled and strengthened. We shall carry with us the most pleasant remembrance of this place, so "beautiful for situation," and the deepest regard for these brethren and sisters. And may not the precious Communion season that we have just now enjoyed, be a type of that Heavenly Communion, which we hope to enjoy in the actual presence of our Redeemer. We wish you all much joy, great success, and heavenly bliss.

He would move the thanks of the Conference,—

To the members of High St. Church and Society, and all other families, for their hearty reception of, and generous hospitality to the Pastors, Delegates, and friends; to the Committee of Arrangements for untiring efforts, and the faithful discharge of their duties; to the Ladies for the floral decorations; to the Organist and Choir, for their choice music, so well rendered,—assisting so materially in the service of song; and to the Press for the full Reports of the session.

Also, to the Railroad and Steamboat Companies, for their generous reduction of fares.

The motion, was seconded by Rev. Charles L. Nichols, of Piscataquis Conference, with fitting words,—and passed by a rising vote.

Rev. A. P. Tinker, Pastor of the Church, responded happily and heartily to the action of the Conference. There was not time before we must adjourn, to say all that he would love to say. We have been very glad to entertain you, and would say in the language of another,——

"I pray God to bless you every one."

Sung,—"Blest be the tie."

The Moderator declared the Conference adjourned *sine die*, after benediction by Rev. Louis Grout, of Vermont.

E. F. DUREN,
Recording Secretary.

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A full report of the meeting was published daily in the Lewiston Journal, June 25—28, preceded in the first number with a brief History of of the Conference; a list of the names and terms of service, of the Ministers; the Necrology, and some reference to those Missionaries longest in the service of the Maine Missionary Society. The Christian Mirror, June 29, July 6, 13, 20, has also a full report. Briefer accounts are given in the Bangor Whig, June 26—29, Advance, July 4, Congregationalist, July 6.

The Church edifice recently enlarged and improved, has a very commodious and pleasant audience-room, with convenient accommodations in the basement, which is above ground,—for the Sabbath School, and all the social gatherings of the church. It was re-opened for Public Worship Dec. 9, 1877, and is referred to among the items in Cumberland Conference.

On Wednesday afternoon, the fifth annual meeting of the Maine Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions was held in the vestry. The President, Mrs. W. H. Fenn, of Portland, read a portion of Scripture; prayer by Mrs. I. P. Warren, of Portland. Thirty auxiliaries were represented by Delegates. The Treasurer, Mrs. W. S. Dana, of Portland, read her report. Receipts for the year, $3003, 81. Miss Sophia Spofford, Corresponding Secretary, presented her report, giving a brief notice of each of the fifty or more Auxiliaries. Mrs. Barnes, Secretary of the Bureau of Exchange, Boston, and Mrs. John W. Pierce, recently from Erzroom, made remarks. Reported in Ch. Mir., July 20.

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Report on the state of the Churches.

In presenting my fifth Annual Report of the state of the churches, I am moved to say that I have found it a pleasant thing to walk about Zion, and tell her towers,— to mark well her bulwarks, and consider her palaces. There is a great deal of interest in studying the history of these churches as it is unfolded in their reports from year to year. One is drawn to them as to personal friends, and comes to watch their struggles with a real and hearty sympathy: and especially to join in their thanksgivings when the tokens of the divine favor are granted. There is a great deal of significance in these columns of figures and of dates, when one has learned how to use them. He gains the power to read between the lines, and to go behind the figures, so as to understand the things of which they are the symbols,—the faith and prayer,—the self-denial and service, —the new joys and hopes of those who have been led to Christ:—the renewal of churches, which had been too long shorn of aggressive power, —aye, even the joys of angels, and of Him who is dearer far than angels,— because the prodigals are restored, and the dead are quickened.

I have had occasion also to note the changes which go forward so rapidly in our Conference. Every year I must drop from the record, the names of many old friends, and, every year must learn to write new names,—many of them,—in the roll of our ministers. Of one hundred and forty ministers who were in active service in this State five years ago, not much more than half are in active service in this State now.

These five years have brought a very marked improvement in the condition of our churches, and in the tone of our annual conferences. Five years ago, the general tone at our meeting was desponding. We heard more of the blessings which God had given the churches years before, than of present manifestations of His power and grace. That year, the removals from the churches exceeded the additions by sixty-three. To judge from the tone of the meeting of 1873, it was as much as Christians in Maine could hope barely to hold their own. The additions to the churches on confession of faith had been only four hundred and forty-three.

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But there has been a steady increase in the number added on confession of faith from year to year, until this year it is twelve hundred and fifty-eight. During the last five years, there have been added to our churches four thousand five hundred and thirty-three on confession of faith, and sixteen hundred and forty-one by letter, making a total of additions of six thousand one hundred and seventy-four.

There has been a net gain in the membership of our churches of nineteen hundred and eighty-four; or to give the same fact a statement more easily remembered, the number of members in the Congregational churches of this State is more than ten per cent. greater than it was five years ago.

In some other respects, the changes during this quinquennial period have not been as favorable as we could have desired. We have about the same number of pastors, and of acting pastors, and nearly the same number of vacant churches. The number in our Sabbath schools is just about the same. The benevolent contributions have not increased during five years, and they have not materially diminished. So far as we have the means of knowing, our churches gather into the congregations from week to week, just about the same number of people that they have gathered for ten years past.

In some respects, the manner of working has seemed to be changing in these later years. I think the additions to our churches are connected more directly with special seasons of religious interest. There seems to be an increasing tendency to rely upon instrumentalities from outside the local church, with its ministry. Those who are called in to labour in revivals, are not quite the same with the evangelists of a few years ago. The reports make very frequent mention of the delegations from the Christian associations. The ministerial element in revivals is less prominent, the lay element is more prominent. There are some among us who doubt whether the present apparent prosperity of our churches will prove to be as sound and healthy as it seems.

It has been interesting to trace what I may perhaps call the *waves* of revival interest over the State. This year, the great revivals have been in Washington and Cumberland conferences, last year they were in Lincoln and Sagadahoc, in Penobscot, in Franklin, and in Cumberland conferences; the year before, they were in Somerset, Piscataquis, Kennebec, Cumberland and York: and earlier still, they were in Franklin, Kennebec, and York. So we find that groups of churches are refreshed, and

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the region which seems to be passed by this year is the one which is most abundantly watered next year. So much, in the way of general review of the period during which it has been my privilege to report the condition of our churches.

Turning next to the reports for the present year, and beginning the review of the conferences with the one in WASHINGTON COUNTY,—where the revival influences have been most general and most powerful,—we find that one new church has been organized at Jonesport, with fifty-three members, and that twelve churches have received two hundred and fifty-five members, which gives a net gain of one hundred and seventy-one in the conference. A year ago, the church at Machias reported a work of grace exceeding in power any similar work during the present generation. Other churches in the vicinity shared in the blessing, and during the winter the work became general in the County. Just after the Week of Prayer, the church in Milltown, N. B., enjoyed a season of special religious interest, and there were many conversions. The church in Calais was receiving an outpouring of the Holy Spirit at the same time. The work has been truly wonderful at these places, and also at Eastport, Machias, Machiasport, East Machias, Robbinston, Dennysville, and Pembroke. Indeed the reporter states that "nearly every church in the County has been refreshed," and he estimates the number of conversions at two thousand. Only a small portion of these had been gathered into the churches at the time when the reports were made up. The reporter speaks of a Young Men's Christian Association, "which is actively engaged in holding meetings in all the destitute places in the vicinity, or within ten miles of Machias." A colporteur has been laboring in this County during the past six months. He has found great destitution of religious privileges, especially of Sabbath schools and religious meetings. The labors of Rev. Mr. Blanchard have been very abundant and fruitful in this County.

From ARoostook CONFERENCE, there are reports of remarkable progress. The church in Houlton has added twenty-seven members, more than doubling its number. The young men are holding meetings, thus carrying through the town, the influence of the church. This religious prosperity has encouraged the people to form large plans for improving the place of worship. The old church has been removed to a central location; the people have contributed two thousand dollars toward the expense of remodeling it, other churches in the State have given generously

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for the same object, and if the plans which have been formed are successful, enough will be secured to finish the work, so that this important church will be able to finish these improvements during the present year.

The church in Sherman reports a season of special religious interest, during the winter. At Fort Fairfield, the pastor has been abundant in labors, preaching willingly three times each Sabbath, twice in the village church and once outside, and he has been permitted to gather twenty into the church, during the year. A fine illustration of the results of preaching the Word to the people often. A branch church was organized in September last, at Silver Ridge, with nine members. The additions to the churches amount to sixty-five, instead of eight, as last year.

Next to this comes PENOBSCOT, where we have fifteen churches, with a total membership, of seventeen hundred and eighty-six. Sixty-two have been added on confession of faith, and forty by letter. Thirteen new members have been added to the first church in Brewer, and twelve to that in Kenduskeag. The church in Orono, reports that revival meetings were held during the winter.

The first church in Brewer, and the church in Hampden, have repaired their houses of worship. At Veazie the state of religion is low. But the most of the churches in the Conference, are in good condition, and their religious services are well sustained.

We have fourteen churches, with ten hundred and fifty-one members in HANCOCK CONFERENCE. There have been added a hundred and eleven members during the year, a net gain of eighty-three. A pastor has been settled at Ellsworth, and forty-nine have been added to that church, the first fruits of his labors. Nineteen have been added to the church in Bucksport. Nearly all the benevolent offerings came from the two churches at Castine, and Bucksport. Four churches are without ministers.

The eleven churches in WALDO CONFERENCE, furnish this year very brief reports. Ten have been added to the church in Camden, and seven to all the others. Special meetings were held at Searsport during the winter, resulting in the hopeful conversion of quite a number of persons. Laborers were sent out from Searsport to hold meetings in neglected places, and some fifty or sixty hopeful conversions are reported as the

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result of their fidelity. Two ministers have been removed, and their places are supplied by students from the Seminary.

From Piscataquis Conference, we have a report of diligent labor, and of encouraging progress. The clerk at Foxcroft and Dover writes, meetings at home and in out stations, have been well sustained, and there have been a number of hopeful conversions. These meetings outside the village, sustained by the pastor and brethren, have been a means of growth to the church. Twenty-eight have been added to its membership nearly all on profession of faith. The church in Dexter met with a serious loss in the death of Dea. Barron, whose fidelity to duty, even at the sacrifice of his life, has made his name honourable throughout the State. This church is trying to secure aid in building a house of worship, to be called the Barron Memorial Church. A promising beginning has been made. If the effort should succeed, this church will occupy a very fine position for usefulness. There has been a very good state of religious feeling through the year at Brownville, where ten have been added to the church. The churches in Atkinson and Sangerville unite in worship with other denominations. All the others are supplied with ministers.

The twelve churches, in Somerset Conference, have added forty, and lost thirty-seven. The churches receiving the largest number, are Solon, which has added fifteen, and Skowhegan, which has added seven.

There have been large gains this year in Lincoln and Sagadahoc Conference, — larger indeed than for many years. Thirty-six have been added to the church in Warren, the fruit, in part, of the revival of last year. This church has built a chapel at an expense of $800, as a thank-offering for the special tokens of the divine favor. Winter Street church in Bath has received thirty; New Castle second, twenty-two; Topsham, twenty-one; and Phipsburgh, nineteen. Fifteen of the twenty-two churches now have the regular preaching of the Gospel. The churches have been greatly strengthened by the new members, and have been engaging with unusual readiness in practical Christian work. A new pastor has been settled at Thomaston. There is a net gain in this Conference of ninety-six.

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There is a net loss of eighteen members in KENNEBEC CONFERENCE, a small loss also in the attendance at the Sabbath schools, and in the benevolent contributions. Eleven have been added to the church in Augusta, eight at Hallowell, eight at Waterville, and eight at Winthrop. The Classical School has been signally prosperous, although greatly embarrassed by a heavy debt.

There are ten churches, with seven hundred and eighty seven members in FRANKLIN CONFERENCE. Five churches are supplied with ordained ministers. The church in Temple "has been refreshed by dew from heaven. All the year the good work has gone forward in that field." New Vineyard also has received much of the divine blessing. Nine have been added to the church in Farmington, and four to that in Strong.

From OXFORD CONFERENCE we have a report of gratifying progress. A new church has been organized at Berlin Falls, N. H., with twenty-four members, and with a Sabbath school of one hundred. Forty-two have been added to the first church in Bethel, and a new spirit pervades all its work. The church in South Paris has received twenty-five, and that in Gorham, N. H., fourteen. There is a gain of eighty-five members in the churches of the Conference, and an increase of three hundred and ten in the Sunday schools. The second church in Norway has settled a pastor.

The reporter from UNION CONFERENCE, states that the churches are in a healthy condition. Ten out of seventeen are provided with ministers, two are supplied by students, and five are destitute. There has been an increase in the attendance at Sabbath school, and a decrease in the benevolent contributions. The church in Albany have removed the house of worship to a central location, and repaired it at an expense of $1200. During last summer the church was much quickened, and some souls were converted. Four have been gathered into this church.

The church in Fryeburg has been passing through a peculiar trial, on account of the secession of a number of members who have followed their late pastor in becoming Swedenborgians. Nineteen have been excluded from the church. Still the clerk reports, "we have a very fair congregation, hardly missing the seceders. We do not yet see the spiritual tone that is desirable in a church that is truly alive to the interests of Christ's Kingdom, but we pray that the time may soon come when we

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shall see a genuine revival of religion among us." Brownfield reports a good degree of interest in connexion with the labors of a delegation from the Christian Association. There has been a good work at South Bridgton during the winter. The state of religion at North Waterford is above the average. It is added "the churches are looking up absentees, preparing to cut off the dead branches." The removals from the churches the past year exceed the additions by sixteen.

For the first time since 1873, YORK CONFERENCE reports a net loss. Sixty-five have been added to the churches, and eighty-two removed. The attendance at Sabbath school is fully up to the standard of last year, and the benevolent contributions have increased. The church in Lyman reports a season of refreshing, beginning with the Week of Prayer. Twelve new members have been added, and the church has been much quickened and encouraged. The second church in Biddeford reports an increase in the attendance at church, and a deepening of religious life. The Pavilion church has installed a pastor, and has paid $4000 of debt. The first church, has engaged a minister for the year. The church in Elliot has been passing through a season of great trial for two or three years, and is still in a low state, although its prospects are brightening. The churches report a good attendance on public worship and at the Sabbath schools.

The forty-two churches of CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE report a total membership of five thousand seven hundred and forty-one, more than a quarter of the numerical strength of our denomination in the State. They report the addition of five hundred and fifty-seven this year, one third of the whole number added in the State. The written reports from these churches are without exception, cheerful, contrasting in this respect very pleasantly, with the reports of a few years ago. The number of additions to these churches has been increasing from year to year by a large percentage. The number of members is larger by about twenty per cent. than it was six years ago. The causes of this steady improvement in the condition of the churches of Cumberland Conference are certainly worthy of study. I am sure these causes are not far to seek.

The Second Parish church in Portland, has received eighty-three members, sixty-five of them by confession. This accession makes that the largest church in the State. The next in the number of accessions is the first church in Yarmouth, which has gathered in seventy-two

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this year, in addition to fifty last year, one hundred and twenty-two in the two years. The Williston church, Portland, has received forty-four, some at every communion season. The number of families connected with this congregation has doubled within the year. This society has built a beautiful house of worship, seating eight hundred persons, costing about $20.000. This is nearly ready for use. The religious interest has been a quiet and steady one, and the attendance on the prayer meetings has been constantly increasing. The High St. church in Auburn has increased its congregation, and has added thirty-seven new members. Pine St. church in Lewiston, has added thirty-six members, and has been constantly receiving tokens of the divine favor during the year. Plymouth church, Portland, has settled a pastor, and added twenty-six to its membership. Its congregation is considerably larger than a year ago. Thirty-two have been added to High St. church in Portland, and eighteen to State Street church.

The church in Harpswell has been for many years declining, but last fall the Spirit of God was given in abundant measure. Christians were greatly strengthened, and twenty-nine were added to the church. In Windham also there has been a revival, and an accession of sixteen to the church. The church in Baldwin, reported last year only seven members, six of them women, and it seemed as if the Lord had no further work for it to do. But since that time, He has returned to it as in former years, a pastor has been secured, and there has been a work of grace in the town which has added twenty-two to the church. The church at Cape Elizabeth has been greatly quickened and built up, having received sixteen by confession of faith. The Welch church at Ligonia has maintained all its religious services with exemplary fidelity and has added eight new members. Freeport South, has gathered in twenty-eight new members as the result of the revival of last year.

In Brunswick, five new members have been brought into the church. The young people added a year ago, have been especially faithful in religious work. The religious interest in Bowdoin College has been quite as good as last year. The Saturday evening prayer-meeting, conducted by the President and professors, has been a valuable meeting. There have been some hopeful conversions among the students.

The revival in Deering, last year, added much to the spiritual strength of the church, and this year has been a time of steady growth, for the the new members.

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The church in Gorham, has settled a pastor, and received nine new members. There has been a decided increase of religious interest in Gray since the return of the former pastor. Pine Street, Lewiston, has paid a debt of $10,855. Yarmouth first, has paid a debt of $3,600, Saccarappa has paid $1700 toward extinguishing a debt, so that the sum of $16,155, has been paid during the year on church debts. This partly accounts for the fact that the benevolent contributions of the churches have fallen off about $3300.

The number in the Sabbath schools, has increased a little since last year.

The High St. church in Auburn has been enlarged, the Chapel of Auburn, Sixth St., and the churches in Gray, West Minot and Hebron, Cumberland, and State St., Portland, have been repaired.

Seven churches are without a pastor, or acting pastor, although nearly all are supplied, a part of the time. Fifteen churches have not received any members by profession, and eleven have received no additions at all.

GENERAL VIEW.

In these fourteen Conferences, there are two hundred and forty-two churches, and for the first time, we have secured a report from every church, although one or two of them are quite imperfect. New churches have been organized during the year at Jonesport, and at Berlin Falls, N. H. The name of Hodgdon and Linneus, has been dropped from our list,so that we gain two, and lose one. Sixty-one of these churches have pastors, eighty-five acting pastors, thirty-two are supplied by licentiates, or by theological students, and sixty-four are destitute.

Ministers.—We have one hundred and thirty-four ordained ministers in active service, of whom sixty are pastors, and seventy-four acting pastors. There are also forty-two ministers without pastoral charge, either resident in this State, or members of Associations within this State.

It is not yet possible to state how many of the ministers are connected with some regular Ministerial Association within this State, and to indicate such membership in the tables. Efforts have been made last year and this also, to secure complete lists of members of Associations, but they have been unsuccessful. Such a list may be hoped for in the next report.

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There are eighteen licentiates, and eleven theological students now in charge of churches.

CHURCH MEMBERS.—The number of members in our churches is twenty-one thousand three hundred and forty. Of these, six thousand three hundred and fifty are males; and fourteen thousand nine hundred and ninety are females. The proportion between males and females in our churches is very nearly as three to seven. The number of absentees is four thousand two hundred and sixty-one.

ADDITIONS AND REMOVALS.—The number added on profession of faith is twelve hundred and fifty-eight. The number added by letter is four hundred and twenty-eight. The whole number of additions is sixteen hundred and eighty-six.

The number removed by death is three hundred and seventy-five; removed by dismission, four hundred and twenty-one: by discipline, thirty-nine. The whole number of removals is eight hundred and thirty-five.

So that the net gain for the year is eight hundred and fifty-one.

BAPTISMS.—The number of adults baptised is eight hundred and ninety-one, more than two-thirds the number added by profession. The number of infants baptised is one hundred and forty-seven.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.—The whole number reported as members of Sabbath schools is twenty-one thousand six hundred and ninety. The average attendance is thirteen thousand two hundred and fifty-four. That is, the average is a little more than three-fifths the total membership.

FAMILIES.—The number of families reported as belonging to the congregations is eleven thousand five hundred and ninety-two.

BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.—

Foreign Missions,	$ 8,986
Home Missions,	10,609
Congregational Union,	405
American Missionary Association,	2,541
Other objects,	9,765
Total,	$32,306

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The particulars in regard to the several churches are included in the statistical tables, which are submitted as a part of this report. I am very glad to be able to present tables so much fuller and more accurate than I have ever been able to make them before.

Let us recognize the signal goodness of God in His dealings with our churches, during the year. Let us inquire with all carefulness, how we may direct our Christian work more wisely, and efficiently. And when we go back to the fields which the Lord hath blessed, let us go with stronger confidence in Him, who has already done such great things for us.

E. H. BYINGTON.

Corresponding Secretary.

Brunswick, Me., June 24, 1878.

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STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES

For the year ending May 5, 1878.

AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE, Reported by Rev. Zenas Crowell.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.				Church Members, May 5, 1878.				Added during y'r			Removed dur'g year.				Baptisms		Sabbath Schools.			Contributions.					
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor. Act. Pas. Lic't Stu.	Ordained.	Installed or Present Ministry Comenc'd	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profess'n	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismis'n.	Dis'cline.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Whole No May 1878	Average Attend'ce	Families.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Am Cong. Union.	Am. M. Associ'n.	Other Objects.	Total.
Burlington	1827 July 12	[Edgar M. Cousins]	St.		1878 June 9	7	12	19	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	....	....	0	65	0	0	0	65
Caribou	1869 July 18	[Richard S. Whidden]	Lic.		1878 June 9	10	15	25	0	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	100	....	0	40	0	0	0	40
Carroll and Springfield	1846 Mar. 14	Vacant	....	....	....	4	11	15	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	....	....	....	0	50	0	0	0	50
Fort Fairfield	1844 Oct. 8	Charles N. Sinnett	A. P.	1875 May 31	1877 July 8	27	31	58	7	15	5	20	1	2	0	3	12	0	120	70	....	0	32	0	2	0	32
Houlton	1833 Jan. 24	Zenas Crowell	P.	1877 Dec. 19	1877 Dec. 19	18	35	53	8	21	6	27	0	1	0	1	15	2	135	90	40	10	15	0	0	0	27
Island Falls	1859 Sept 21	William A. Merrill	A. P.	1852 Oct. 27	1876 Jan.	5	7	12	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	....	14	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lee	1863 July 10	Vacant	....	....	....	2	6	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	....	....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lincoln	1831 Aug. 3	[George Allchin]	St.	....	1878 June 9	4	22	26	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	40	....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Passadumkeag	1845 Mar. 1	Vacant	....	....	....	2	6	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	....	....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Patten	1840 Mar. 1	[Elisha Skinner, M.E.ch]	....	....	1877 Aug. 25	15	24	39	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	100	....	42	0	7	0	0	0	7
Presque Isle	1865 July 25	Vacant	A. P.	....	....	6	13	19	4	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	....	....	4	0	0	1	0	10	11
Sherman (Washburn Memorial ch.)	1861 May 29	William A. Merrill	P. E.	1852 Oct. 27	1876 Jan.	33	57	90	30	10	3	13	0	4	0	4	10	1	140	110	75	0	16	2	0	15	33
Twelve.						133	239	372	74	47	18	65	4	8	0	12	37	3	767	410	175	10	225	3	2	25	265

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Auburn, High street	1826 Feb. 8	Anson P. Tinker	P.	1873 Oct. 16	1873 Oct. 16	135	261	396	140	24	13	37	0	4	0	4	25	1	245	178	....	240	210	0	0	350	800
Auburn, Sixth street	1875 Sep. 16	Lauriston Reynolds	A. P.	1875 Sept 16	1875 Sept.16	22	29	51	7	7	0	7	0	3	0	3	6	1	110	60	100	8	0	0	0	0	8
Auburn, West	1844 Apr. 30	Joseph S. Cogswell	A. P.	1868 Nov. 18	1875 Oct. 31	45	70	115	36	0	1	1	2	1	0	3	0	0	60	40	56	21	20	0	0	0	41
Baldwin	1821 May 16	Richard Wickett	A. P.	1877 Dec. 5	1877 June 1	7	18	25	3	15	7	22	1	0	0	1	11	0	35	20	70	0	8	0	0	0	8
Brunswick	1747 June.	Ezra H. Byington	A. P.	1859 Feb. 23	1871 Jan. 17	55	188	243	69	1	4	5	3	8	0	11	1	0	185	124	200	255	130	0	15	114	514
Cape Elizabeth, First	1734 Sep. 10	Edwin A. Harlow	P.	1863 Aug. 26	1871 Nov. 21	13	44	57	8	16	0	16	0	0	0	0	13	2	120	75	175	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cape Elizabeth, (Ligonia)	1869 Mar. 14	[Wm. E. Gould, Esq.]	.....	.....	1876	42	62	104	0	1	7	8	0	16	0	16	0	0	130	130	36	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cumberland	1793 Sep. 15	Trueman S. Perry	A. P.	1873 June 18	1874 July 26	42	96	138	21	2	2	4	1	0	0	1	1	1	160	110	90	73	40	0	17	9	139
Deering, First	1765 Apr. 8	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	2	10	12	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	....	....	....	....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deering, Woodford's Cor.	1872 Sept. 4	William A. Bosworth	P.	1871 Oct.	1875 Nov. 10	37	68	105	7	7	3	10	0	1	0	1	6	7	205	135	100	51	37	0	0	30	118
Durham	1776 Mar. 9	[Prof. Rich'd C Stanley]	L.	.....	1875 July 15	8	18	26	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	40	35	30	0	0	0	0	13	13
Falmouth, First	1754	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	23	97	120	15	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	99	47	75	32	0	0	0	3	35
Falmouth, Second	1830 Sept 15	William H. Haskell	A. P.	1863 Mar. 17	1869 Jan. 1	27	69	96	35	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	80	....	50	15	8	0	14	0	0	37
Freeport	1789 Dec. 21	George Michael	A. P.	1874 Jan. 31	1876 July 1	26	86	112	....	0	0	0	3	3	0	6	0	0	150	85	....	0	52	0	0	0	52
Freeport, South	1857 July 9	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	29	77	106	15	28	1	29	1	2	0	3	21	1	60	40	49	29	0	0	0	30	59
Gorham	1750 Apr. 4	Henry S. Huntington	P.	1866 Jan. 31	1877 June 11	71	183	254	63	3	6	9	3	4	0	7	3	1	214	134	210	253	137	0	95	138	623
Gray	1803 Oct. 2	Ebenezer Bean	A. P.	1862 Mar. 5	1877 Feb. 1	22	52	74	8	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	60	50	40	8	16	0	0	14	38
Harpswell	1753	Elijah Kellogg	A. P.	1844 June 18	1871.	27	52	79	17	28	1	29	2	4	0	6	26	0	40	30	35	0	15	0	0	0	15
Lewiston, Pine Street	1854 Aug. 8	George S. Dickerman	P.	1868 Aug. 5	1874 Mar. 12	106	245	351	81	24	12	36	5	10	1	16	14	14	225	175	240	15	28	0	32	20	95
Mechanic Falls	1840 June 15	Frederick E. Emrich	P.	1875 Sept 16	1875 Sept.16	9	32	41	5	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	45	34	0	25	0	0	0	25
Minot Centre	1791 Sept. 8	[Preston B. Wing]	Stu.	.....	.....	40	68	108	51	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	....	....	23	30	18	0	0	0	48
Minot West, and Hebron	1802 Oct. 18	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	12	14	26	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	....	....	....	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Gloucester	1765 Jan. 16	Jonathan G. Leavitt	P.	1870 June 27	1875 Dec. 7	82	110	192	40	1	3	4	2	1	0	3	1	1	100	75	150	58	70	0	0	25	153
North Yarmouth	1806 Sept 30	Thomas M. Davies	A. P.	1869 Mar. 14	1877 July	39	55	94	17	0	1	1	3	3	1	7	0	0	85	65	84	4	30	0	4	41	79
Poland	1825 Nov. 2	Frederick E. Emrich	A. P.	1875 Sept 16	1878 May	2	5	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	....	....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Portland: Second Parish	1787 Nov. 30	John J. Carruthers, DD / Edward P. Gardner	P. / A. P.	1819 June 8 / 1864 Feb. 10	1846 Aug. 9 / 1877 Dec. 30	115	365	480	73	65	18	83	8	10	0	18	40	4	364	188	218	203	65	0	40	157	465
Portland: High Street	1831 Sept. 9	William H. Fenn	P.	1859 Feb. 20	1866 July 25	105	295	400	69	27	5	32	3	10	0	13	18	3	257	151	....	618	483	0	60	1427	2588
Portland: Fourth (Abyssinian)	1835 Aug. 7	[Mr. Hanson]	.....	.....	1877 May 5	4	14	18	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	25	20	20	0	0	0	0	0	0
Portland: Bethel	1840 Sept 24	Francis Southworth	P.	1857 Oct. 28	1866 June 11	39	49	88	33	4	4	8	1	0	0	1	2	4	110	90	14	27	0	7	15	230	279
Portland: State Street	1852 Mar. 17	Edward Y. Hincks	P.	1870 Oct. 18	1870 Oct. 18	121	292	413	50	4	14	18	6	8	0	14	9	3	290	188	210	475	680	135	450	1700	3440
Portland: St. Lawrence Street	1858 Feb. 19	Abiel H. Wright	P.	1866 Nov. 1	1871 Apr. 19	76	121	197	32	0	0	0	2	3	0	5	0	1	187	149	100	47	0	0	0	17	64
Portland: West	1862 Sept 17	John F. Morgan	A. P.	1865 July 27	1874 Nov. 8	18	47	65	16	2	0	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	150	100	50	5	0	0	0	0	5
Portland: Plymouth	1869 Dec. 29	Herbert W. Lathe	P.	1877 Sep. 27	1877 Sept.27	74	185	259	54	23	3	26	7	9	0	16	7	1	290	160	100	90	50	0	0	147	287
Portland: Williston	1873 Feb. 5	Frank E. Clark	P.	1876 Oct. 19	1876 Oct. 19	37	88	125	8	15	29	44	0	1	0	1	10	8	246	165	193	....	....	0	0	50	50
Pownal	1811 Mar. 20	[Prof. R. C. Stanley]	L.	.....	1877 May 6	19	44	63	20	0	0	0	3	2	0	5	0	2	....	40	50	11	0	0	0	0	11
Scarborough	1728 June 26	John B. Wheelwright	A. P.	1851 Sept.10	1876 July 1	20	33	53	9	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	75	55	30	50	2	0	30	30	112
Standish, Evangelical	1834 Feb. 5	John P. Trowbridge	P.	1874 Sept.17	1874 Sept.17	4	33	37	11	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	54	40	48	29	30	0	5	6	70
Westbrook, Saccarappa	1832 Jan. 17	Henry B. Mead	P.	1875 Feb. 10	1875 Feb. 10	38	95	133	10	5	0	5	0	2	0	2	3	2	230	125	130	30	0	0	20	0	50
Westbrook, Warren Ch.	1869 Sept 30	Edward S. Tead	P. E.	.....	1878	31	53	84	12	4	3	7	2	4	0	6	2	2	135	97	70	....	12	0	0	58	70
Windham	1743 Dec. 14	Luther Wiswall	P.	1837 Aug. 12	1854 Sept.20	14	43	57	11	16	0	16	2	2	0	4	10	0	48	35	32	0	39	0	0	25	64
Yarmouth, First	1730 Nov. 18	Joseph Torrey	P.	1860 May 30	1875 Mar. 3	91	181	272	26	66	6	72	5	2	0	7	50	0	250	150	183	105	123	0	45	50	413
Yarmouth, Central	1859 Apr. 27	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	21	44	65	4	13	1	14	4	7	0	11	7	0	65	45	54	47	49	0	0	6	102
Forty-two.						1750	3991	5741	1091	407	150	557	70	125	2	286	288	60	6254	3451	3319	2019	2377	142	842	4690	10970

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FRANKLIN CONFERENCE, Reported by Rev. J. Loring Pratt.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.				Church Members, May 5, 1878.				Added during y'r.			Removed during y'r.				Bap-tisms.		Sabbath Schools.			Contributions.						
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor. Act. Pas. Lic't Stu.	Ordained.	Installed or Present Ministry Comenc'd	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profess'n	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismis'n.	Dis'pline.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Whole No May, 1878	Average Attend'ce	Families.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Am Cong. Union.	Am. M. Associ'n.	Other Objects.	Total.
Farmington, First	1814 Oct. 14	Osgood W. Rogers	P.	1876 June21	1876 June21	78	176	254	40	4	5	9	3	5	0	8	4	3	260	118	100	52	143	0	0	35	230
Farmington Falls	1859 Mar. 5	James J. Jones	P.	1877 June19	1877 June19	7	20	27	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	*90	60	19	0	6	0	0	5	11
Industry	1808 July 5	[G. W. Reynolds]	Lic.	.....	1878 May 24	18	20	38	11	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	*50	40	30	....	....	0	0	0	....
New Sharon	1801 Feb. 11	Daniel O. Clark	A. P.	1878 June20	1878 June20	51	88	139	18	2	1	3	0	4	0	4	2	0	60	50	45	....	0	0	0	0	0
New Vineyard	1828 Sept. 3	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	9	11	20	6	4	1	5	0	0	0	0	4	1	50	40	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
Phillips	1822 Oct. 9	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	5	11	16	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	....	....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Strong	1810 Mar. 3	J. Loring Pratt	A. P.	1867 Nov. 7	1875 July 1	37	57	94	15	4	0	4	0	1	0	1	2	0	95	65	56	0	10	0	0	10	20
Temple	1805 Sept 19	Robert Peacock Jr.	Lic.	.....	1878 July 1	24	46	70	14	11	1	12	1	1	0	2	10	0	110	80	50	6	43	5	0	0	56
Weld	1809 Aug. 17	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	17	27	44	8	0	0	0	1	2	1	4	0	0	55	49	22	0	95	0	0	0	95
Wilton	1819 Feb. 19	Uriah W. Small	A, P.	1859 Sept.22	1876 July 1	27	58	85	30	1	0	1	1	7	0	8	1	1	65	38	27	0	71	12	0	0	83
Ten.						273	514	787	149	26	10	36	9	20	1	30	23	5	835	540	361	60	368	17	0	50	495

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HANCOCK CONFERENCE, Reported by Rev. Edward R. Osgood.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.				Church Members, May 5, 1878.				Added during y'r			Removed dur'g year.				Bap-tisms		Sabbath Schools.			Contributions.						
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor. Act. Pas. Lic. Stn.	Ordained.	Installed or Present Ministry Comenc'd	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profess'n	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismis'n.	Dis'pline.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Whole No May, 1878.	Average Attend'ce	Families.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Am Cong. Union.	Am. M. Assoc'n.	Other Objects.	Total.
Amherst and Aurora	1830 Sept. 14	[George E. Chapin]	Lic.		1878 June 9	8	30	38	4	22	0	22	0	0	0	0	18	0	40	30	....	0	67	0	0	0	67
Bluehill	1772 Oct. 7	Daniel W. Hardy	A. P.	1874 Oct. 20	1877 Oct. 7	27	67	94	28	0	2	2	2	7	0	9	0	0	70	55	48	0	20	0	0	7	27
Brooksville, West	1826 Jan. 4	George S. Kemp	A. P.	1856 Feb. 28	1877 May 27	32	52	84	11	1	2	3	0	1	0	1	1	0	115	80	42	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bucksport, Elm St.	1803 May 12	William Forsyth	P.	1870 Sept 15	1870 Sept 15	32	102	134	24	18	1	19	4	0	0	4	12	0	175	116	100	85	167	0	0	275	527
Castine, Trinitarian	1820 July 27	Lewis J. Thomas	P.	1878 June 18	1878 June 18	16	70	86	20	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	105	75	60	153	60	0	22	31	266
Deer Isle, 1st	1773 Aug. 1	Hiram Houston	A. P.	1850 Sept 15	1868 Apr. 5	54	136	190	20	1	0	1	5	1	0	6	1	0	125	90	....	0	64	0	0	0	64
Deer Isle. 2nd	1858 Dec. 1	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	13	24	37	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	....	....	0	5	0	0	0	5
Ellsworth	1812 Sept. 8	Charles J. H. Ropes	P.	1877 Aug. 15	1877 Aug. 15	37	126	163	40	43	6	49	3	0	0	3	40	5	175	140	85	52	....	0	0	0	52
Isle au Haut	1857 May 7	Edward R. Osgood	A. P.	1871 Oct. 24	1878 July 1	1	11	12	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	30	40	0	10	0	0	0	10
Orland	1850 Sept 25	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	15	47	60	....	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	120	80	....	30	30	0	30	0	90
Sedgwick & Brooksville	1793 July 8	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	13	22	35	5	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	0	80	65	....	0	56	0	0	0	56
Sedgwick Village	1847 Oct. 28	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	2	4	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	....	....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Somesville	1876 Dec. 21	Josiah P. Stinchfield	A. P.	1855.	1878 Mar. 31	4	16	20	0	4	6	10	0	0	0	0	4	0	40	30	75	0	12	0	0	0	12
Tremont & Mt. Desert	1792 Oct. 17	Josiah P. Stinchfield	A. P.	1855.	1878 Apr. 22	20	72	92	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	107	70	....	....	4	....	0	0	4
Fourteen.						272	779	1051	164	94	17	111	17	11	0	28	81	5	1202	861	450	320	495	0	52	313	1180

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KENNEBEC CONFERENCE, Reported by Rev. Wm. C. Curtis.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.				Church Members, May 5, 1878.				Added during y'r			Removed during year.			Baptisms.		Sabbath Schools.		Families.	Contributions.					
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor. Act. Pas. Lic. Stu.	Ordained.	Installed or Present Ministry Comenc'd	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profess'n	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismis'n.	Dis'pline.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Whole No May, 1878	Average Attend'ce		Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Am. Cong Union.	Am. M. Associ'n.	Other Objects.	Total.
Augusta	1794 Oct. 7	James H. Ecob	P.	1872 Oct. 2	1872 Oct. 2	75	211	286	38	2	9	11	8	6	12	26	2	0	225	162	183	315	267	....	31	475	1088
Benton	1858 July 16	Vacant	....	....	....	5	20	25	5	5	..	5	3	....	0	3	5	..	60	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Clinton	1858 July 15	Vacant	....	....	....	2	5	7	3	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	..	..	40	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Gardiner	1835 July 28	Austin L. Park	P.	1864 Feb. 2	1864 Feb. 2	39	121	160	31	1	2	3	2	1	....	3	1	..	80	60	95	37	102	....	19	20	178
Hallowell	1790 Feb. 25	Vacant	....	....	....	37	128	165	30	8	..	8	3	5	....	8	3	..	178	100	....	154	335	....	....	....	489
Litchfield	1811 June 6	Josiah T. Hawes	A. P.	1828 Jan. 23	1865 July 1	23	40	63	19	1	1	2	3	1	0	4	..	3	....	40	....	....	27	....	10	....	37
Monmouth	1853 May 17	[Alexander Wiswall]	Lic.	....	1878 June 9	13	30	43	13	..	..	..	1	....	....	1	..	..	50	40	40	....	75	....	....	....	75
Pittston	1812 Nov. 17	——Libby.]M. E. Ch.	....	....	1877 May—.	8	25	33	6	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	..	..	47	....	....	....	....	....	9	....	9
Richmond	1827 Feb. 8	William C. Curtis	A. P.	1863 Sept. 1	1868 Apr. 19	8	38	46	1	..	..	..	1	....	....	1	..	..	35	25	90	33	46	....	....	5	84
Sidney	1829 Feb. 25	Vacant	....	....	....	7	13	20	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Vassalboro	1818 July 28	[Sidney A. Barnaby]	Lic.	....	1878 Jue. 16	3	11	14	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	....	....	....	....	36	....	....	....	36
Waterville	1828 Aug. 21	Ezra N. Smith	A. P.	1872 June12	1877 July 8	58	112	170	54	7	1	8	4	10	....	14	7	4	130	78	56	94	....	....	....	20	114
Winslow	1828 Aug. 27	John Dinsmore	A. P.	1852 Nov. 18	1862 Jue. 10	32	75	107	28	3	..	3	1	....	....	1	2	..	90	50	40	50	34	....	....	....	50	134
Winthrop	1776 Sept. 4	Warren F. Bickford	P.	1876 Jue. 20	1876 Jeu. 20	39	127	166	50	3	5	8	3	2	....	5	2	0	145	78	126	41	91	3	19	106	260
Fourteen.						349	956	1305	295	30	18	48	30	25	12	67	22	7	1080	633	630	724	1013	3	88	676	2504

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CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.				Church Members, May 5, 1878.				Added during y'r			Removed during year.				Baptisms		Sabbath Schools.			Contributions.					
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor. Act. Pas. Lic't Stu.	Ordained.	Installed or Present Ministry Comene'd	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profess'n	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismis'n.	Dis'pline.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Whole No May, 1878.	Average Attendee	Families.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Am Cong. Union.	Am. M. Assoc'n.	Other Objects.	Total.
Alna	1796 Sept. 27	Vacant				10	28	38	12	0	0	0	5	1	0	6	0	0	40	25	16	0	11	0	0	0	11
Bath, Winter Street	1795 Dec. 8	John O. Fiske, D. D.	P.	1843 Aug. 17	1843 Aug. 17	89	259	348	71	27	3	30	7	6	0	13	12	8	271	153	180	859	324	0	40	305	1528
Bath, Central	1835 July 8	William Hart	P.	1861 Oct. 30	1870 Nov. 2	46	126	172	32	2	4	6	0	1	0	1	1	4	78	60	....	150	150	0	0	210	510
Boothbay, First	1776 July 28	Vacant				12	28	40	3	8	0	8	2	1	0	3	6	0	....	....	30	0	9	0	0	0	9
Boothbay, Second	1848 Aug. 1	Vacant				22	55	77	12	0	0	0	3	2	0	5	0	0	50	43	....	0	15	....	....	....	15
Bremen	1829 Mar. 3	John G. Bulfinch	A. P.	1860 May 23	1878 May 26	2	5	7	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	....	....	....	0	0	0	0	....	....
Bristol	1796 Aug. 17	Lewis D. Evans	A. P.	1875 June 30	1875 June 30	20	37	57	5	5	3	8	1	1	0	2	3	1	35	25	....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Edgecomb	1783 June 4	Henry H. Hutchinson	A. P.	1869 Aug. 31	1875 Nov. 14	21	73	94	20	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	45	42	0	12	0	0	0	12
Lisbon	1839 Dec. 18	Vacant				0	11	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	....	....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newcastle, First	1799 June 4	Vacant				7	14	21	6	0	0	0	1	4	0	5	0	0	30	25	14	0	5	0	0	0	5
Newcastle, Second	1844 May 22	William F. Obear	P.	1868 Oct. 14	1872 Oct. 16	60	138	198	30	19	3	22	2	1	0	3	13	0	95	75	90	19	80	0	0	40	139
Phipsburg	1765 July 1	Henry S. Loring	A. P.	1850 June 20	1874 Oct. 4	33	77	110	28	18	1	19	4	1	1	6	15	0	75	45	55	24	25	1	....	32	82
Rockland	1838 Mar. 8	John J. Blair	A. P.	1874 Oct. 22	1876 Nov. 5	14	86	100	25	0	3	3	2	0	0	2	0	4	112	75	58	110	30	0	0	100	240
Thomaston	1809 June 15	Charles H. Pope	P.	1865 July 28	1878 Mar. 6	22	104	126	31	0	2	2	3	0	0	3	0	0	165	110	75	0	54	0	0	20	74
Topsham	1789 June 26	Nahum W. Grover	A. P.	1868 Sept. 3	1875 Dec. 1	25	75	100	25	14	7	21	1	3	0	4	8	0	60	52	68	15	10	0	10	7	42
Union	1803 Mar. 3	Flavius V. Norcross	P.	1860 Oct. 31	1860 Oct. 31	23	59	82	17	2	0	2	2	1	0	3	2	2	152	70	82	27	10	0	0	0	37
Waldoboro, First	1807 May 13	Andrew J. McLeod	P.	1870 Sept. 28	1872 Nov. 8	43	118	161	25	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	2	180	125	....	75	92	0	0	87	254
Waldoboro, Second	1856 Mar. 4	Vacant				5	4	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Warren, Second	1828 Feb. 27	Lewis Goodrich	P.	1850 Jan. 1	1875 Nov. 3	55	124	179	41	33	3	36	4	0	0	4	23	0	130	75	82	13	51	0	0	455	519
Washington	1817 Aug. 16	Vacant				4	11	15	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	70	50	50	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wiscasset	1773 Aug. 4	Vacant				19	66	85	14	5	4	9	0	0	0	0	5	0	125	90	85	27	18	0	0	0	45
Woolwich	1765 June 12	Henry O. Thayer	A. P.	1866 July 26	1867 Sept. 15	20	59	79	10	0	0	0	4	1	0	5	0	0	86	55	50	14	13	0	11	20	58
Twenty-two.						552	1557	2109	412	133	35	168	47	24	1	72	88	21	1814	1198	977	1333	909	1	61	1276	3580

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Andover	1800 Nov. 8	Samuel W. Pearson	A. P.	1870 Nov. 9	1876 May 1	32	49	81	24	0	2	2	2	2	0	4	0	0	68	46	48	18	19	0	10	10	57
Berlin Falls, (N. H)	1877 Nov. 22	Arthur J. Benedict	A. P.	1875 May 25	1875 June15	4	20	24	0	19	5	24	0	0	0	0	12	2	100	65	45	3	5	0	0	0	8
Bethel First	1799 Oct. 7	Charles L. Mills	A. P.	1838 Oct. 1	1877 Mar. 15	54	102	156	21	25	17	42	2	3	0	5	19	0	100	60	....	50	24	0	13	5	92
Bethel Second	1849 Jan. 31	David Garland	P.	1849 Aug. 15	1849 Aug. 15	14	32	46	25	1	1	2	3	5	0	8	0	0	60	40	25	25	10	0	27	15	77
Dixfield	1806 May 8	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	2	9	11	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	0	0	.....	2
Gilead	1818 June 20	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	4	13	17	5	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	35	....	17	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gorham, (N. H)	1862 Mar. 18	Arthur J. Benedict	A. P.	1875 May 25	1876 June 1	9	35	44	5	14	0	14	0	1	0	1	9	0	105	60	65	5	10	2	0	3	20
Norway First	1804 Oct. 6	[Augustus H. Fuller]	Stu.	.....	1877 June17	12	51	63	21	4	3	7	2	0	0	2	1	2	100	63	30	0	0	0	0	0	0
Norway Second	1853 Jan. 18	Edward E. Bacon	P.	1877 Sept.13	1877 Sept.13	34	75	109	25	5	3	8	1	0	0	1	3	0	110	76	73	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oxford	1826 May 31	George A. Lockwood	A. P.	1870 Nov. 26	1870 Nov. 26	17	38	55	19	2	0	2	3	8	1	12	0	0	80	65	25	....	31	2	0	8	41
Rumford	1803 May 5	John Elliot	A. P.	1831 June28	1859 Nov. 30	8	15	23	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	....	....	14	6	10	5	0	21
Shelburne, (N. H.)	1818 Aug. 26	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....	.....	.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Paris	1812 Nov. 4	Charles D. Crane	A. P.	1874 June11	1877 June10	63	120	183	40	20	5	25	1	0	0	1	16	0	144	90	75	0	68	0	0	15	83
Sumner	1802 Sept. 8	[Frederic A. Thayer]	Stu.	.....	1878 June 9	22	42	64	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	40	17	7	94	6	0	0	107
Turner	1803 Oct. 18	Edwin S. Tingley	A. P.	1871 Feb. 1	1877 April 6	31	72	103	25	6	0	6	1	3	0	4	0	0	91	60	44	.....	22	.....	.....	2	24
Upton	1861 Mar. 19	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	2	6	8	2	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	25	15	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sixteen.						308	683	991	234	96	36	132	18	28	1	47	60	5	1078	680	488	114	295	15	50	58	532

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CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.				Church Members, May 5, 1878.				Added during y'r			Removed during year.				Baptisms		Sabbath Schools.			Contributions.					
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor. Ac. Pas. Lic't Stu.	Ordained.	Installed or Present Ministry Comenc'd	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profess'n.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismis'n.	Dis'pline.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Whole No May 1878	Average Attend'ce	Families.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Am Cong. Union.	Am. M. Assoc'n.	Other Objects.	Total.
Bangor, First	1811 Nov. 7	S. Lewis B. Speare	A. P.	1874 Jan. 13	1878 July 1	68	168	236	45	6	4	10	6	10	0	16	6	0	180	102	....	107	306	....	143	151	707
" Hammond St	1833 Dec. 5	Solomon P. Fay.....	P.	1849 Sept. 6	1866 Nov. 8	123	268	391	69	9	10	19	5	14	0	19	8	3	325	177	260	350	271	150	125	560	1456
" Central	1847 April 1	George W. Field, D. D..	P.	1853 Nov. 15	1864 Mar. 29	112	203	315	40	11	11	22	1	6	0	7	..	..	475	240	300	350	635	....	100	100	1185
Brewer, First	1800 Sept. 9	Clarence A. Beckwith..	P.	1878 Jan. 9	1878 Jan. 9	43	118	161	44	13	12	25	3	2	0	5	10	4	184	104	125	100	59	0	205	5	369
" Village	1843 Jan. 18	Clarence A. Beckwith..	A. P.	1878 Jun. 9	1877 June 1	14	44	58	11	2	0	2	0	1	0	1	2	2	100	70	45	0	0	0	10	0	10
Dedham	1841 Dec. 13	[Daniel L. Davis].....	Lic.	.....	1878 June 9	25	39	64	19	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	60	45	25	....	25	....	....	....	25
Dixmont and Plymouth	1861 Sept.10	Vacant.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	....	....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hampden	1817 May 6	Henry N. Hoyt.....	A. P.	1876 May 2	1877 Nov. 10	17	60	77	20	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	158	58	65	149	61	0	0	22	232
Holden	1828 Nov. 11	[Edward C. Crane]....	Lic.	.....	1878 May 7	23	40	63	13	0	0	0	4	5	0	9	0	0	100	50	50	0	24	0	0	15	39
Kenduskeag	1834 Dec. 23	Joseph Smith.....	A. P.	1842 Nov. 10	1877 April	25	43	68	14	12	0	12	1	1	0	2	12	0	100	70	....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oldtown	1834 Sept.24	Vacant.....	.....	.....	.....	12	49	61	35	5	1	6	2	1	0	3	5	1	55	43	25	0	60	8	0	60	128
Orono	1826 May 18	Alfred J. McGown.....	P.	1877 July 3	1877 July 3	35	113	148	38	3	2	5	0	3	0	3	2	0	120	75	38	0	0	0	0	20	20
Orrington East	1834 June12	Jonathan Edwards.....	P.	1876 June 15	1876 June 15	30	51	81	12	1	0	1	3	1	0	4	1	0	120	...	45	3	10	0	3	0	16
Upper Stillwater	1859 Oct. 6	Vacant.....	.....	.....	.....	2	16	18	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	35	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
Veazie	1838 June19	[John B. Carruthers]...	Stu.	.....	1878 April	14	28	42	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	....	....	0	0	0	0	0	0
						544	1242	1786	398	62	40	102	27	47	0	74	46	10	2017	1069	988	1059	1451	158	586	933	4187

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Abbot	1875 Nov. 23	Amos Redlon	A. P.	1842 July 7	1875 July	13	23	36	7	4	2	6	0	0	0	0	4	0	75	50	25	0	20	6	0	....	26
Atkinson	1842 Mar. 2	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	1	3	4	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Blanchard	1833 Mar. 13	Rufus W. Emerson	A. P.	1856 May 28	1877 Apr. 1	21	28	49	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	40	24	3	....	....	10	5	18
Brownville	1819 Aug. 24	Charles L. Nichols	P.	1861 Nov. 7	1872 Feb. 20	58	112	170	30	9	1	10	1	0	0	1	8	5	122	77	75	14	16	8	118	10	166
Dexter	1834 July 22	Jehiel S. Richards, Jr.	P.	1877 June23	1877 June23	12	37	49	15	1	0	1	4	2	0	6	1	0	51	33	20	0	13	0	0	14	27
Foxcroft and Dover	1822 Dec. 30	Herbert A. Loring	P.	1875 June10	1875 June10	74	173	247	42	24	4	28	4	4	0	8	21	1	211	110	125	200	85	0	34	269	588
Garland	1810 Mar. 1	Peter B. Thayer	P.	1848 Dec. 12	1848 Dec. 12	35	61	96	15	3	1	4	2	0	0	2	3	..	85	60	51	8	50	0	7	14	79
Greenville	1869 Dec. 5	Charles Davison	A. P.	1873 Oct. 21	1873 Oct. 21	14	33	47	10	1	0	1	0	0	0	...	1	..	85	50	53	242	80	0	0	26	348
Monson	1821 Aug. 11	Gustavus W. Jones	A. P.	1869 May27	1878 May 5	44	56	100	35	0	1	1	1	7	0	8	0	0	85	60	40	20	....	0	20	10	50
Sangerville	1828 Aug. 28	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	3	2	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	....	....	....	0	....	0	0	0	0
Ten.						275	528	803	175	42	9	51	13	13	0	26	38	6	754	480	413	487	264	14	189	348	1302

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Anson	1840 Apr. 19	Vacant				13	27	40	20	0	0	0	2	4	0	6	0	0	25	....	20	5	5	0	0	0	10
Athens	1867 June 6	John W. Brownville	A. P.	1873 Dec. 18	1877 Dec. 9	14	27	41	8	1	3	4	1	1	0	2	1	0	100	....	....	0	5	0	0	0	5
Bingham	1805 July 24	(Albert H. Thompson).	Lic.		1877 April 1	23	33	56	7	4	1	5	2	0	0	2	2	0	95	60	60	0	7	0	0	0	7
Madison	1826 Apr. 25	Thomas G. Mitchell	A. P.	1846 Nov. 18	1851 Nov. 16	31	46	77	21	1	2	3	1	0	0	1	1	1	75	52	30	45	62	0	0	0	107
Madison, East	1858 Mar. 24	Vacant				7	13	20	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	60	50	15	....	60	0	0	0	60
Mercer	1822 Oct. 30	James I. Jones	P.	1877 June 19	1877 June 19	11	26	37	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	....	....	....	0	9	0	0	1	10
New Portland, (North)	1869 May 27	John W. Brownville	A. P.	1873 Dec. 18	1878 May 5	4	9	13	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*55	45	....	....	1	....	....	....	1
Norridgewock	1797 Sept. 22	Benjamin Tappan, D.D.	P.	1838 Aug. 8	1858 Oct. 27	32	79	111	39	3	0	3	2	4	0	6	1	0	130	85	61	172	95	0	50	0	317
Skowhegan	1860 Nov. 1	Webster Woodbury	A. P.	1868 Sept. 9	1870 April 1	61	134	195	40	4	3	7	11	6	0	17	4	1	260	....	160	54	121	0	40	0	215
Solon	1842 Jan. 25	John W. Brownville	A. P.	1873 Dec. 18	1877 Dec. 16	15	18	33	2	14	1	15	1	0	0	1	8	0	55	40	42	0	12	0	0	8	20
Solon, South	1806 Sept. 30	John W. Brownville	A. P.	1873 Dec. 18	1878 Jan.	1	6	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	....	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
St. Albans	1830 June 18	William S. Sewall	A. P.	1839 Sept. 25	1864 June 10	6	15	21	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	80	....	....	2	14	0	2	2	20
Twelve.						218	433	651	152	30	10	40	21	16	0	37	20	2	935	332	400	278	391	0	92	11	772

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Albany	1803 Sept. 15	[George H. Bird.]	Lic.		1878 May 26	15	35	50	18	3	1	4	0	1	0	1	2	0	85	60	35	10	74	0	0	0	84
Bridgton	1784 Aug. 26	Vacant				37	92	129	40	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	150	85	100	20	26	0	0	39	85
Bridgton, North	1832 Nov. 15	Nehemiah Lincoln	P.	1872 May 15	1872 May 15	13	39	52	12	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	75	47	50	6	13	0	0	10	31
Bridgton, South	1829 Dec. 30	Holland B. Fry	P.	1870 Jan. 5	1877 Oct. 1	30	54	84	15	0	2	2	2	1	1	4	0	1	80	58	65	30	0	0	0	20	50
Brownfield	1804 Oct. 1	Ebenezer S. Jordan	A. P.	1857 Dec. 17	1874 Mar. 20	20	35	55	15	11	3	14	0	0	0	0	9	0	60	40	22	11	78	0	0	6	95
Casco	1864 Sept. 19	[C. L. Mann]	Stud.			9	8	17	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	20	20	50	0	0	0	0	0	0
Denmark	1829 July 5	Vacant				8	39	47	10	5	1	6	0	1	0	1	5	0	30	30	60	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fryeburg	1775 Aug. 21	Javan K. Mason, D. D.	A. P.	1849 Jan. 18	1877 Aug. 1	45	95	140	36	1	2	3	2	6	19	27	1	0	70	45	54	16	55	0	0	89	7
Harrison	1826 Feb. 15	Nehemiah Lincoln	P.	1872 May 15	1872 May 15	19	30	49	15	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	55	33	20	0	7	0	0	0	7
Hiram	1826 Oct. 26	Albert Cole	A. P.	1847 Mar. 25	1874 Oct. 1	2	13	15	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	50	35	25	10	4	0	0	5	19
Lovell	1798 Oct. 6	Vacant				43	84	127	40	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	55	30	23	9	0	0	0	0	9
Naples	1858 Aug. 10	Vacant				6	20	26	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	40	35	0	0	0	0	0	0
Otisfield	1797 Oct. 23	[John M. Pease, F. W. B.]		1871 June 18	1878 June 7	22	39	61	12	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	*85	60	25	5	42	0	7	0	54
Stow & (Chatham, N. H.)	1861 Oct. 23	Isaac H. Libby	P.	1878 May 17	1878 May 17	13	14	27	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	30	30	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sweden	1817 Nov. 4	Vacant				16	27	43	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	45	18	1	33	0	7	0	41
Waterford	1799 Oct. 2	John A. Douglass Henry H. Osgood	P. A. P.	1821 Nov. 7 1875 Sept. 3	1821 Nov. 7 1877 May 1	28	72	100	27	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	111	58	45	111	24	0	122	3	260
Waterford, North	1865 June 20	Henry H. Osgood	A. P.	1875 Sept. 3	1877 May 1	21	40	61	9	1	1	2	0	5	0	5	1	1	45	31	40	13	23	0	0	0	36
Seventeen.						347	736	1083	260	21	13	34	14	16	20	50	18	2	1131	747	697	242	379	0	146	93	860

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CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.				Church Members, May 5, 1878.				Added during y'r.			Removed during year.			Bap-tisms.		Sabbath Schools.			Contributions.					
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor, Act. Pas. Lic. Stu.	Ordained.	Installed or Present Ministry Comenc'd	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profess'n	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismis'n.	Dis'pline.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Whole No May, 1878.	Average Attend'ce	Families.	Foreign Missions.	Home. Missions	Am Cong' Union.	Am. M. Associ'n.	Other Objects.	Total.
Belfast	1796 Dec. 29	John A. Ross	P.	1854 June 1	1873 Sept. 14	25	86	111	19	2	2	4	2	..	...	2	1	2	83	68	119	182	140	17	13	....	352
Belfast, North	1846 Sept. 24	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	9	16	25	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Camden, Elm Street	1805 Sept. 11	Wellington R. Cross	P.	1865 Sept. 7	1876 Nov. 18	38	96	134	27	9	1	10	3	1	0	4	9	0	152	76	48	....	18	....	....	130	148
Frankfort	1851 Nov. 18	[Rich'dG. Woodbridge]	St.	.....	1878 June 9	4	26	30	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	75	50	26	0	0	0	0	0	0
Freedom	1858 Apr. 14	[Bernard Copping]	Lic.	.....	1878 June 9	11	26	37	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	60	15	0	67	0	0	0	67
Jackson and Brooks	1812 Oct. 6	Albert N. Jones	P.	1872 Feb. 8	1872 Feb. 8	24	49	73	13	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	2	60	50	23	7	20	0	0	0	27
Rockport	1854 June 12	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	15	39	54	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	40	35	0	1	0	0	0	1
Sandy Point	1839 Oct. 16	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	33	45	78	30	4	0	4	0	1	0	1	0	0	75	50	52	11	....	0	0	0	11
Searsport, First	1815 *Oct. 4	Benjamin B, Merrill	P.	1876 Nov. 9	1876 Nov. 9	54	123	177	....	2	0	2	1	3	0	4	2	0	150	112	167	44	241	0	30	124	439
Searsport, Second	1855 Sept. 19	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	6	33	39	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	50	40	18	0	31	0	0	0	31
Winterport	1820 Sept. 17	[Collins G. Burnham]	Lic.	.....	1878 June 16	8	53	61	17	0	1	1	3	4	0	7	0	0	50	30	70	4	3	0	0	0	7
Eleven.						227	592	819	144	18	4	22	11	9	0	20	13	5	800	576	573	248	521	17	43	254	1083

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CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.				Church Memb's, May 5, 1878.				Added during y'r.			Removed during y'r			Bap-tisms.	Sabbath Schools.		Families.	Contributions.					
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor Act. Pas. Lic. Stu.	Ordained.	Ins. or Present Ministry Com'nced	Males.	Females	Total.	Absent.	Profes'n.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismis'n.	Dis'pline.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Whole No May, 1878	Average Attend'ce		Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Am. Cong Union.	Am. M. Assoc'n.	Other Objects.	Total.
Calais	1825 Aug 17	Charles G. McCully	A. P.	1860 July 17	1876 Feb. 20	53	165	218	43	37	5	42	4	0	0	4	22	4	225	174	150	28	90	0	0	156	274
Cherryfield	1833 Oct. 20	Vacant				17	15	32	5	18	0	18	1	0	0	1	0	0	....	....	....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cooper	1826 Feb. 22	Vacant				2	8	10	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	30	30	22	25	0	0	0	0	25
Dennysville	1805 Oct. 27	Charles Whittier	P.	1860 Nov. 13	1860 Nov. 13	31	64	95	30	10	0	10	3	1	0	4	3	0	230	140	78	50	5	0	81	15	151
Eastport, Central	1819 Feb. 7	George W. Kelley	A. P.	1872 Dec. 28	1877 Apr. 16	18	74	92	23	10	1	11	7	1	0	8	7	0	50	35	....	5	17	0	5	....	27
Jonesport, Union	1877 Sept 11	[W. Gleason Shoppe].	Lic.	.....	1878 June 9	15	38	53	6	19	34	53	0	0	0	0	19	0	130	74	....	0	160	0	0	0	160
Machias, Center St	1782 Sept 12	Stephen L. Bowler	A. P.	1853 Jan. 5	1874 Dec. 1	55	163	218	41	35	0	35	4	32	0	36	29	0	439	250	130	104	93	0	31	0	228
Machias, East	1826 June 8	Vacant				24	78	102	26	0	0	0	4	2	0	6	0	0	160	....	....	15	49	0	0	9	73
Machiasport	1831 Jan. 25	Vacant				18	22	40	10	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	....	....	....	....	25	0	0	0	25
Marshfield	1871 Sept 14	Vacant				18	37	55	9	11	0	11	0	3	0	3	0	0	100	80	50	0	34	0	40	0	74
Milltown, (N. B.)	1846 Oct. 21	J. Evarts Pond	A. P.	1858 Jan. 21	1876 Dec. 1	37	103	140	18	22	2	24	5	0	0	5	4	0	210	160	....	204	32	0	0	0	236
Northfield	1836 Sept 15	[William Haynes]	St.	.....	1878 June 9	8	15	23	...	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	50	36	21	0	46	0	0	0	46
Pembroke	1835 Sept 30	Vacant				2	9	11	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	....	....	....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Perry	1822 Oct. 7	[Edgar F. Davis]	St.	.....	.....	13	45	58	..	11	0	11	1	0	0	1	10	0	70	....	....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Princeton	1858 Dec. 2	[Clarence S. Sargent.]	Lic.	.....	1878 May 24	30	38	68	11	25	0	25	0	2	0	2	25	0	100	70	43	0	75	0	0	0	75
Robbinston	1811 Nov. 24	[C. R. Ricketts]	Lic.	.....	1878 May 24	31	69	100	25	13	0	13	2	1	0	3	8	0	50	40	....	14	86	0	0	0	100
Topsfield	1861 Nov. 6	[Clarence S. Sargent]	Lic.	.....	1878 May 24	9	20	29	15	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	....	....	....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whiting	1833 Nov. 9	Vacant				5	22	27	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	65	55	24	0	78	0	0	0	78
Whitneyville	1836 Dec. 7	Vacant				19	28	47	11	2	0	2	2	2	0	4	2	0	81	68	68	0	38	4	0	0	42
Nineteen.						405	1013	1418	282	213	42	255	39	45	0	84	129	4	1990	1212	586	445	828	1	157	180	1614

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CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.				Church Memb's, May 5, 1878.				Added during y'r.			Removed during y'r			Baptisms		Sabbath Schools.			Contributions.					
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor. Act. Pas. Lic. Stn.	Ordained.	Installed or Present Ministry Com'nced	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profes'n.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismis'n.	Dis'pline.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	Whole No May 1878	Average Attend'ce	Families.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Am. Cong Union.	Am. M. Assoc'n.	Other Objects.	Total.
Acton	1761 Sep. 18	William S. Thompson..	A. P.	1860 Oct. 17	1869 Jan. 1	21	38	59	13	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	73	44	38	19	44	0	0	0	63
Alfred	1791 Sep. 8	Benjamin P. Snow.....	A. P.	1870 May 10	1875 July 1	21	53	74	24	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	1	0	84	51	50	57	27	0	23	20	127
Biddeford, First	1730 Apr. 30	[Henry A. Freeman]...	Lic.	.....	1878 June	12	45	57	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	....	....	40	0	57	0	0	0	57
Biddeford, Second	1805 Mar. 1	George R. Merrill.....	P.	1867 Jan. 2	1877 Jan. 2	80	225	305	37	6	2	8	2	7	0	9	4	6	250	123	200	119	91	0	41	173	415
Biddeford, Pavilion	1857 Oct. 20	Edward Chase.....	P.	1863 Jan. 8	1877 Dec. 20	45	145	190	53	0	3	3	1	1	0	2	0	0	150	80	90	25	0	0	0	10	35
Buxton, South	1763 Mar. 6	Joseph Kyte.....	A. P.	1862 Sep. 25	1875 May 1	32	80	112	24	0	0	0	4	1	0	5	0	0	60	45	140	11	23	15	0	0	49
Buxton Centre, North	1763 Mar. 6	Vacant.....	.....	.....	.....	11	29	40	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	25	20	11	10	10	0	0	0	20
Cornish	1840 Sep. 16	Albert Cole.....	A. P.	1847 Mar. 25	1858 July 4	22	42	64	14	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	40	....	....	12	10	0	0	40	62
Elliot	1721 June 22	[Andrew C. Brown].....	St.	.....	1878 May 19	14	47	61	11	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	....	50	54	0	99	0	0	0	99
Kennebunk, Union	1826 Aug. 15	Vacant.....	.....	.....	.....	22	67	89	26	6	6	12	1	3	0	4	4	0	62	46	50	97	113	0	0	48	258
Kennebunkport, First	1730 Nov.	Charles H. Gates.....	A. P.	1851 Nov. 14	1874 Feb. 1	27	56	83	11	5	0	5	2	4	0	6	4	0	80	45	40	7	18	0	0	0	25
Kennebunkport, South	1838 Jan. 10	Charles H. Gates.....	A. P.	1851 Nov. 14	1874 Feb. 1	15	47	62	9	4	0	4	3	0	0	3	3	0	75	40	56	9	21	0	0	0	30
Kittery	1714 Nov. 4	Thomas N. Lord.....	A. P.	1837 Aug. 10	1878 May 1	10	25	35	12	1	1	2	3	1	0	4	0	0	45	30	30	0	15	0	0	0	15
Lebanon	1765 June 26	Benjamin Dodge.....	A. P.	1848 Oct. 10	1877 Nov. 18	17	35	52	20	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	50	....	27	0	27	0	0	0	27
Limerick	1795 July 5	Vacant.....	.....	.....	.....	26	44	70	20	2	1	3	0	2	0	2	0	0	50	40	42	0	20	0	....	0	20
Limington	1789 Oct. 11	Reuben D. Osgood.....	P.	1871 Oct. 24	1875 Nov. 16	34	77	111	17	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	100	....	56	27	55	0	37	0	119
Lyman	1801 Dec. 2	George F. Tewksbury..	A. P.	1838 Jan. 31	1876 June 1	39	69	108	20	9	3	12	3	1	0	4	7	1	90	65	45	17	16	0	5	0	38
Newfield, West	1801 July 1	David L. Jones.....	A. P.	1876 Aug. 24	1878 June	16	18	34	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	35	25	32	10	27	0	10	0	47
Parsonsfield	1795 Jan. 7	Vacant.....	.....	.....	.....	2	4	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	14	12	0	15	0	0	0	15
Saco	1762 Oct. 13	John T. Blades.....	A. P.	1876 Nov. 22	1877 Jan. 14	54	150	204	..	3	3	6	2	4	0	6	5	3	140	125	187	60	79	0	0	115	254
Sanford	1786 July 19	[Henry J. Stone].....	Lic.	.....	1877 Nov. 11	15	29	44	14	0	2	2	4	0	0	4	0	0	70	45	....	0	44	0	0	0	44
Sanford, South	1786 July 19	[Henry J. Stone].....	Lic.	.....	1877 Nov. 11	6	20	26	4	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	....	....	....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shapleigh	1823 Oct. 23	Vacant.....	.....	.....	.....	2	3	5	..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	....	....	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Berwick	1702 June 4	George Lewis.....	P.	1865 Dec. 13	1874 Jan. 15	19	93	112	20	1	0	1	3	1	0	4	0	0	100	....	80	120	100	0	10	170	400
Wells, First	1701 Oct. 29	Woodbury S. Kimball..	A. P.	1867 Sep. 3	1875 Nov. 1	53	91	144	27	0	0	0	4	1	0	5	0	0	160	87	80	40	110	0	36	135	321
Wells, Second	1831 Aug. 23	Benjamin Southworth..	A. P.	1858 Feb. 24	1870 Oct. 1	50	81	131	4	0	0	0	2	0	2	4	0	0	120	90	70	48	14	6	40	70	178
York, First	1672 Dec. 3	David B. Sewall.....	A. P.	1842 Jan. 19	1873 Dec. 1	21	78	99	19	0	5	5	2	0	0	2	0	0	90	....	75	44	36	10	25	72	187
York, Second	1732	Joseph Freeman.....	A. P.	1844 Mar. 10	1869 Aug. 1	11	36	47	9	0	0	0	2	0	2	2	0	0	64	....	....	24	22	0	6	5	57
Twenty-eight.						697	1727	2424	431	39	26	65	46	34	2	82	28	12	2033	1066	1505	747	1093	31	283	858	2962

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SUMMARY.

Conferences. Name.	Date of Organiz'n	Ministers. Pastors.	Act. Pastors.	Without Charge.	Licen'tiates	Stu. with Churches	Whole No	Churches. With Pastors.	With Acting Pastors.	With Lic. or Stud's	Vacant.	Whole No	Church Members, May 5, 1878. Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Added during y'r. Profes'n.	Letter.	Total.	Removed during year. Death.	Dismis'n	Dis'pline.	Total.	Gain or Loss. Net Gain.	Net Loss.	Baptisms. Adults.	Infants.	Sabbath Schools. Whole No May, 1878	Average Attend'ce	Families.	Contributions. Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Am. Cong Union.	Am. M. Associ'n.	Other Objects.	Total
Aroostook	1846	1	2	2	1	2	5	1	3	3	5	12	133	239	372	74	47	18	65	4	8	0	12	53	..	37	3	767	410	175	10	225	3	2	25	265
Cumberland	1822	18	14	12	1	1	44	18	14	3	7	42	1750	3991	5741	1091	407	150	557	79	125	2	206	351	..	288	60	5254	3451	3349	2919	2377	142	842	4690	10970
Franklin	1839	2	3	3	2	0	8	2	3	2	3	10	273	514	787	149	26	10	36	9	20	1	30	6	..	23	5	835	540	361	60	368	17	0	50	495
Hancock	1825	3	5	4	1	0	12	3	6	1	4	14	272	779	1051	164	94	17	111	17	11	0	28	83	..	81	5	1202	861	450	320	495	0	52	313	1180
Kennebec	1823	3	4	3	2	0	10	3	4	2	5	14	349	956	1305	295	30	18	48	30	25	12	67	...	19	22	7	1080	633	630	724	1013	3	88	676	2504
Lincoln & Sagadahoc	1825	7	7	1	0	0	15	7	7	0	8	22	552	1557	2109	412	133	35	168	47	24	1	72	96	..	88	21	1814	1198	977	1333	909	1	61	1276	3580
Oxford	1824	2	7	1	0	2	10	2	8	2	4	16	308	683	991	234	96	36	132	18	28	1	47	85	..	60	5	1078	680	488	114	295	15	59	58	532
Penobscot	1825	5	3	8	2	1	16	5	4	3	3	15	544	1242	1786	398	62	40	102	27	47	0	74	28	..	46	10	2017	1069	988	1059	1451	158	586	933	4187
Piscataquis	1842	4	4	1	0	0	9	4	4	0	2	10	275	528	803	175	42	9	51	13	13	0	26	25	..	38	6	754	480	413	487	264	14	189	348	1302
Somerset	1823	2	4	1	1	0	7	2	7	1	2	12	218	433	651	152	30	10	40	21	16	0	37	3	..	29	2	935	332	400	278	391	0	92	11	772
Union	1836	4	4	1	1	1	9	5	4	2	6	17	347	736	1083	260	21	13	34	14	16	20	50	...	16	18	2	1131	747	697	242	379	0	146	93	860
Waldo	1848	4	0	3	2	1	7	4	0	3	4	11	227	592	819	144	18	4	22	11	9	0	20	2	..	13	5	800	576	573	248	521	17	43	254	1083
Washington	1829	1	4	0	3	2	5	1	4	6	8	19	405	1013	1418	282	213	42	255	39	45	0	84	171	..	129	4	1990	1212	586	445	828	4	157	180	1614
York	1822	4	13	2	2	1	19	4	15	4	5	28	697	1727	2424	431	39	26	65	46	34	2	82	...	17	28	12	2033	1065	1505	747	1093	31	233	858	2962
		60	74	42	18	11	176	61	83	32	66	242	6350	14990	21340	4261	1258	428	1686	375	421	39	835	903	52	891	147	21690	13254	11592	8986	10609	405	2541	9765	32306

CHANGES IN LIST OF CHURCHES.—*New*, Jonesport, Berlin Falls, N. H., 2. *Dropped*.—Hodgdon and Linneus, 1.

PASTORS ORDAINED AND INSTALLED FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 5th, ten; *Pastors Installed*, five; *Ordinations without Installation*, two; total, seventeen; *Pastors dismissed*, six.

CHURCHES.—With Pastors, 61; with Acting Pastors, 83; vacant, 98, (including 32 supplied by Licentiates and Students, and 3 by ministers of other denominations;) Total, 242.

MINISTERS.—Pastors, 60; Acting Pastors, 74; others, 42. Total, 176.

CHURCH MEMBERS.—Males, 6350; Females, 14,990. Total, 21,340, including 4261 absent; gain 765 over total of last year.

ADDITIONS.—By profession, 1258; by letter, 428. Total, 1686.

REMOVALS.—By death, 375; by dismission, 421; by discipline, 39. Total, 835.

BAPTISMS.—Adults, 891; infants, 147.

IN SABBATH SCHOOLS.—21,690. Gain, 1051.

FAMILIES.—Reported, 11,592. Gain in number reported, 1781.

CHARITIES.—Foreign Missions, $8986; Home Missions, $10,609; Congregational Union, $405; American Missionary Association, $2541; other objects, $9765. Total, $32,306. Decrease, $4340.

ORGANIZATION.—Fourteen Conferences of Churches, united in a General Conference, which includes also, Milltown, N. B., Berlin Falls, Gorham, Shelburne, and Chatham, N. H.

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PASTORS ORDAINED AND INSTALLED FOR YEAR ENDING MAY 5, 1878.

James I. Jones	Farmington Falls, & Mercer	June 19, 1877	Page 60
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Joseph St. John	Searsport 2d. ch., & Sandy Pt.	Aug. 28, 1877	" 73
Edward E. Bacon	Norway 2d. ch.	Sept. 13, 1877	" 66
Herbert W. Lathe	Plymouth ch. Portland	Sept. 27, 1877	" 58
Zenas Crowell	Houlton	Dec. 19, 1877	" 56
Clarence A. Beckwith	Brewer, 1st. ch.	Jan. 9, 1878	" 68

PASTORS INSTALLED FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 5, 1878.

Henry S. Huntington	Gorham	June 11, 1877	" 58
Frederic E. Emrich	Mechanic Falls	July 25, 1877	" 58
Holland B. Fry	South Bridgton	Nov. 6, 1877	" 72
Edward Chase	Pavilion ch., Biddeford	Dec. 27, 1877	" 76
Charles H. Pope	Thomaston	March 6, 1878	" 64

ORDAINED AS EVANGELISTS.

Richard Wickett	Baldwin	Dec. 5, 1877	Page 58
Joseph A. Kellogg	Limington	Mar. 27, 1878	" 76

PASTORS DISMISSED DURING THE YEAR ENDING MAY 5, 1878.

Sewall Tenney, D. D.	Ellsworth	Aug. 15, 1877	Page 62
Charles F. Dole	Plymouth ch., Portland	Sept. 27, 1877	" 58
John W. Brownville	South Bridgton	Nov. 6, 1877	" 72
Addison Blanchard	Warren ch., Westbrook	Nov. 14, 1877	" 58
Javan K. Mason, D. D.	Thomaston	March 6, 1878	" 64
Gustavus W. Jones	Winterport	Mar. 14, 1878	" 73

Pastors installed, fifteen; ordained, ten; evangelists ordained, two: pastors dismissed, six.

MINISTERS RESIGNED, OR ASKED DISMISSION.

Josiah T. Closson	North Deer Isle	September, 1877.	Page 62
Alexander R. Plumer	Mount Desert	October, 1877	" 62
Henry Farrar	Gilead	November, 1877.	" 66
Ezra B. Pike	Boothbay	November, 1877.	" 65
John W. H. Baker	New Sharon	December, 1877.	" 61
Henry Carpenter	Bridgton	February, 1878.	" 72
John C. Adams	Falmouth, 1st. ch.	April, 1878	" 58
Richard W. Jenkins	Yarmouth, Central ch.	April, 1878	" 58
David L. Jones	South Freeport	April, 1878	" 58
James I. Jones	Farmington Falls, & Mercer	April, 1878	60,71
Joseph St. John	Sandy Pt., & Searsport 2d. ch.	May, 1878	" 73
John J. Bulfinch	Washington	June, 1878	" 65
George W. Christie	Wiscasset	June, 1878	" 65
George A. Gordon	Temple	June, 1878	" 60

CHURCHES FORMED.—Sept. 11, 1877, Jonesport, with 53 members.
Nov. 22, 1877, Berlin Falls, (N. H.,) 24 members.

CHURCH DROPPED.—Hodgdon and Linneus, Aroostook Conference.

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MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE.

Jacob Abbot	Farmington	Ordained	1834, September 18
John J. Abbot, D. D.,	New Haven, Ct.,	"	1845, August....27
John C. Adams	Falmouth,	"	1851, August... 19
Jonathan E. Adams	Bangor	"	1859, October...19
Thomas Adams, D. D.	Winslow	"	1818, August...26
John W. H. Baker	New Sharon	"	1865, June.....29
Silas Baker	Standish	"	1832, March. 7
Addison Blanchard	Cunberland Mills	"	1868, September..9
Thomas E. Brastow	Rockland	"	1865, October...11
Jonas Burnham	Farmington	"	1858, July.....28
Almon W. Burr	Hallowell	"	1875, July.....27
Henry Carpenter	Bridgton	"	1864, December 18
Calvin Chapman	Kennebunkport	"	1842, December..8
Ephraim C. Cummings	Portland	"	1858, March....17
David Q. Cushman	Bath	"	1838, February..7
Edward F. Cutter	Belfast	"	1833, May..... 8
Henry V. Emmons	Hallowell	"	1859, November 13
Henry Farrar	Falmouth	"	1867, November..6
Leonard Z. Ferris	Kennebunk	"	1865, November 30
Samuel L. Gould	Bethel	"	1839, October...23
Cyrus Hamlin, D. D.	Bangor	"	1838, October....3
Henry F. Harding	Hallowell	"	1855. October...17
Henry B. Hart	Holden	"	1869, December 21
George W. Hathaway	Santa Monica, Cal.	"	1833, March....20
L. Ives Hoadley	Milltown	"	1823, October...15
Horatio Ilsley	South Freeport	"	1837, October...26
Alfred E. Ives	Castine	"	1838, September 25
Marcus R. Keep	Dalton	"	1847, January...4
Elbridge Knight	Fort Fairfield	"	1843, September 13
John K. Lincoln	Bangor	"	1862, September 20
Amasa Loring	Foxcroft	"	1842, January..15
Joseph Loring	East Otisfield	"	1833, September 10
George S. Osborn	South Sanford	"	1836, December 18
Prof. Alpheus S. Packard, D. D.	Brunswick	"	1850, May.....16
Prof. Levi L. Paine, D. D.	Bangor	"	1861, October....9
Wooster Parker	Belfast	"	1832, September 29
John Parsons	Kennebunk	"	1857, May.....14
William Pierce	West Buxton	"	1836, August....7
Alexander R. Plumer	Kittery	"	1854, December.13
Prof. Enoch Pond, D. D.	Bangor	"	1815, March.....1
Daniel F. Potter	Brunswick	"	1852, October...25
Henry Richardson	Gilead	"	1831, November 23
Prof. John S. Sewall, D. D.	Bangor	"	1859, April.....20
Alfred L. Skinner	Bucksport	"	1854, January..27
Henry G. Storer	Oak Hill	"	1850, March....30
Prof. Daniel S. Talcott, D. D.	Bangor	"	1836, December..7
Daniel D. Tappan	Weld	"	1826, November 14
Sewall Tenney D. D.	Ellsworth	"	1831, August...10
James B. Thornton	Scarboro	"	1851, June.....4
Stephen Thurston, D. D.	Searsport	"	1826, August....9
Stephen Titcomb	Farmington	"	1855, June... ..6
Henry M. Vaill	Cape Elizabeth	"	1861, August...14
Israel P. Warren, D. D.	Portland	"	1842, April.....20
William Warren, D. D.	Gorham	"	1840, February 13
John G. Wilson	Portland	"	1851, December 12

LICENTIATES.

Prof. Henry L. Chapman	Brunswick
James H. Crosby	Bangor.
John Hemenway	Brighton.
Prof. Thomas H. Rich	Lewiston.
Jotham Sewall	York.
Prof. Richard C. Stanley	Lewiston.

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County Conferences.

[The same abridgment of items is made this year, as were referred to in the Minutes for 1877, p. 47.]

AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE.

Annual meeting, second Saturday and Sunday in June.—Organized in Houlton, January 22, 1846.—Semi-annual meeting third Saturday and Sunday in September.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, appointed at Sherman Mills, in September, was not held on account of the bad state of the roads.

The THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING was held with the Washburn Memorial Church, Sherman, June 15, 16, 1878. Mr. Luther B. Rogers of Patten, *Moderator;* —Opening Sermon, Rev. Edward A. Van Kleek, of the Baptist Church, Patten,— Mark 4: 11, "Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the Kingdom of God." Sermon before the Communion, Sabbath A. M., by Rev. Charles N. Sinnett, of Fort Fairfield, John 14: 27, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you." Ordinance of the Lord's Supper administered by the Preacher, and Rev. W. A. Merrill, of Sherman. Sabbath P. M., sermon by Rev. Marcus R. Keep of Dalton, 1 Cor. 5:1. The assured hope of immortal glory.—Sabbath eve,—Sermon by Rev. C. N. Sinnett, —2nd Pet, 3: 18, "Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

Topics for remark. — Christian work, — in the family, and in the church.— Prayer-meetings —The report of the churches, was encouraging—See Ch. Mir. July 20,—and Cor. Sec. Report, p. 30.

ZENAS CROWELL (Bangor Sem. 1875) ordained Pastor of the church in Houlton, Dec. 19, 1877. Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Bangor, *Moderator* of Council. Deac, George W. Porter, of Milltown, Scribe. Public services,—Invocation, Rev. F. H. Peckham, (F. W. B.) of Houlton; reading Scriptures, Rev. John Morse, (Meth.) of Houlton; sermon and ordaining prayer by the Moderator; text of sermon, 2nd Cor. 5: 20; "We are ambassadors for Christ"&c. Charge, and Right-hand of fellowship. Rev. J. Evarts Pond, of St. Stephen, N. B.; address to the people, by Rev. S, P. Fay, (sent in MSS.); benediction by the Pastor.

Rev. WILLIAM A. MERRILL, in addition to his pastoral labors at Sherman Mills, has preached and labored at Silver Ridge.—A branch of the Washburn Memorial church, Sherman, was organized at that place; September 23, 1877. Seven were received on confession of faith, and one by letter,—others have been added since.—In the autumn, Mr. M. labored at East Ridge, and in the winter at Golden Ridge, with good results.

The members of the Young Men's Class in the Sabbath School at Sherman Mills, have with their teacher, purchased a bell and hung it in the tower of the Washburn Memorial Church.

Rev. Elijah Skinner, at Patten, July 1, 1877—commission, 12 months.

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Rev. JOSIAH P. STINCHFIELD, commenced labors at Caribou in January, 1878,—left March 15, 1878.

Edgar M. Cousins, *Licentiate*, at Burlington from June, 1878.

Rev. John E. M. Wright, at Burlington, 1852—6, installed Pastor, Blackstone, Mass., July 1877.

Rev. Andrew Wiren, (Lutheran,) New Sweden, ordained April 17, 1870.

The church in Houlton have purchased a lot on Court St. and moved their church edifice upon it. A more convenient locality. Repairs and improvements will be made upon the house. Two thousand dollars has been raised by the people, towards the expense.—Aid is needed from other churches to complete the work.

Delegates from the Young Men's Christian Association of Maine, conducted meetings in September and October, 1877, at Houlton, Fort Fairfield, Presque Isle, Sherman, Caribou and Hodgdon.

Dr. Luther Rogers died in Patten, Nov. 2, 1877, æt 77 yrs. Prominent in every good cause. Ob. Cong., Nov. 28.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Burlington, Theodore Taylor; Caribou, John Henry; Carroll and Springfield, Dea. Hiram Stevens, Carroll; Fort Fairfield, Dea. Hiram Stevens; Houlton, Mrs. Geo. B. Page, A. C.; Island Falls, Albion Merriman; Lee. Seth H. Riggs; Lincoln, T. Fuller; Passadumkeag, E. G. Haynes; Patten, Luther B. Rogers; Presque Isle, C. F. A. Johnson; Sherman, Benjamin H. Towle.

Rev. Charles N. Sinnett, of Fort Fairfield, *Scribe, Reporter and Treasurer of Conference.*

Next meeting in Fort Fairfield, Sep. 11, 12, 1878.

CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE.

Annual meeting, Tuesday before second Wednesday in June.—Organized in Gorham, Dec. 24, 1822.—Semi-annual meeting, Tuesday before 2nd Wednesday in Jan'y.

The SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING was held with the Church in Brunswick, January 15, 16, 1878. Dea. Samuel W. Larrabee, of Portland, *Moderator.* Opening sermon, Rev. Wm. H. Fenn, of Portland, Jonah 3: 1,2. "Preach unto it, the preaching that I bid thee." Conference Sermon, Rev. Henry S. Huntington, of Gorham, Eph., 3: 19. "The love of Christ which passeth knowledge." Report of the state of the Churches prepared by Rev. Trueman S. Perry, of Cumberland, was read by Rev. Wm. A. Bosworth, of Deering. Narrative of the state of Religion, by Rev. Joseph Torrey, of Yarmouth. Discussion on the conditions of personal usefulness in the church; work for the young people in the church; means of securing conversions; on what does Christian growth depend. — A praise-meeting was held, led by Rev. Henry B. Mead. of Saccarappa. — Address by Rev. John E. Pierce, of the Turkish Mission, Erzroom. The Lord's Supper administered by Revs. John B. Wheelwright, of Scarboro, and Abiel H. Wright, of Portland.

56TH ANNUAL MEETING with the Ch. in New Gloucester, June 11,12, 1878. Rev. Ezra H. Byington, *Moderator.* Opening sermon by Rev. Frank E. Clark, of Williston Church, Portland. Rom. 15: 4. The graciousness of the Scriptures. Conference Sermon by Rev. George S. Dickerman, of Lewiston. Isa. 2: 3. "Out of Zion shall go forth the law." The political power of the church.

Topics for discussion,—I. Of whom is the Kingdom of God composed. II. The duty of every member of Christ's Kingdom, to give the gospel to others. 1. By neighborhood meetings. 2. By mission Sunday Schools. 3. In other ways. III. Preaching. 1. Its agency in converting the world. 2. Who ought to preach. 3. Why so much unfruitful preaching. 4. How may preaching be made more effectual. IV. The relation of giving to spiritual growth. V. The Christian standard

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of giving, Report on the state of religion, by Rev. T. S. Perry, of Cumberland. Praise-meeting Tuesday evening, led by Rev. H. M. Mead, of Sacarrappa. Lord's Supper administered by Revs. Horatio Ilsley, of South Freeport, and John G. Wilson, of Portland.

Rev. Henry Strong Huntington (Yale 1857, Andover 1862,) installed pastor of the church in Gorham, June 11, 1877, (Record, Minntes, 1877, p. 48.)

Rev. Frederic Ernest Emrich, (Bangor 1871,'2, Bates 1876,'7,) was installed Pastor at Mechanic Falls, July 25, 1877, (Record, Minutes, 1877, p. 49.) He has supplied also Poland and West Minot

Herbert William Lathe, (Yale, 1873, Andover, 1877,) ordained Pastor of Plymouth Church, Portland. September 27, 1877. Rev. William H. Fenn, *Moderator* of Council; Rev. I. P. Warren, *Scribe*. Sermon by Rev. Egbert C. Smyth, of Andover, Mass., 1 Cor., 14:20. "In understanding be men." Ordaining Prayer, by the Scribe. Charge by the Moderator. Right-hand, Rev. Frank E. Clark, of Williston Ch., Portland. Address to people, Rev. Anson P. Tinker, Auburn. Concluding Prayer, Rev. A. Blanchard, of Westbrook. Benediction by pastor.

The same council recognized the termination of the pastoral relation of Rev. Charles F. Dole, with the Plymouth church.

Richard Wickett (Bangor Sem. 1877) ordained to the Gospel ministry, Dec. 5, 1877, in the new church at East Baldwin. Rev. Javan K. Mason, of Fryeburg, *Moderator* of the Council; Rev. Holland B. Fry, of South Bridgton, *Scribe*. Invocation and reading of the Scriptures by Rev. A. J. Eastman, (F. B.) of Steep Falls; Sermon by Rev. Israel P. Warren, of Portland, 1 Timo. 4:6, "A good minister of Jesus Christ." Ordaining prayer, Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Bangor. Charge by the *Scribe*. Right-hand, Rev. R. D. Osgood, of Limington. Address to people, Rev. Albert Cole, of Cornish. Concluding prayer Rev. I. Lord, (Metho.) of Baldwin.

Mr. W. will supply the church of Baldwin and Sebago. A branch of this church has been formed at Sandy Beach,—fifteen members united with it.

Rev. Addison Blanchard, Pastor of Warren Church, Cumberland Mills, Westbrook, from Dec. 10, 1872, dismissed November 14, 1877. Rev. Henry S. Huntington, of Gorham, *Moderator* of Council; Rev. Herbert W. Lathe, Plymouth Church, Portland, *Scribe*. Rec. Ch. Mir., Nov. 17.

Mr. B. resigned, to enter upon the work of a general State Missionary, under the direction of the Maine Missionary Society. He will visit the feeble churches, and the outposts.

Edward Sampson Tead, (Amherst, 1875, Yale, 1878,) Pastor elect of Warren Ch., Cumberland Mills, Westbrook. Ordination in September.

The Ligonia church, Cape Elizabeth, has been supplied from April, 1877, by William E. Gould, of Portland.—Compensation,—their good-will, and much comfort in "preaching the gospel to the poor."

Rev. John C. Adams, acting-pastor of the First Church, Falmouth, from Feb. 13 1859, resigned his charge, April 1878, on account of his health. The Church passed resolutions of esteem, and sympathy, which are published in Ch, Mir., April 20.

Rev. Richard W. Jenkins, acting pastor of Central ch., Yarmouth, from July, 1876, resigns April, 1878. Acting pastor in Boothbay from June, 1878.

Rev. David L. Jones, acting pastor in South Freeport, from May 11, 1876, preached his farewell discourse, April 21, 1878. At West Newfield, May, 1878.

Rev. John J. Carruthers, D.D., pastor of the 2nd ch. Portland, from Aug. 9, 1846, preached a discourse Aug. 12, 1877, from Phil. 1:27, in view of his proposal to resign his charge, whenever his successor is chosen. Ch. Mir., Aug. 18. The church adopted April 29, 1878, resolutions of esteem for their pastor, and though not officially or locally separated, cherish their highest regard for him as a minister and spiritual guide,—trusting that the severance of the connexion as pastor and people, whenever it may take place, will not tend to sunder the relations that have so long existed, and that he may yet be able, to some extent, to labor among them in word

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and doctrine; and in fraternal intercourse. They also thank him for the generous relinquishment of his salary, so enabling the society to supply the pulpit, without incurring additional expense therefor. P. Press, May 2, Ch. Mir., May 4.

Rev. EDWARD PAYSON GARDNER, (Hamilton 1854-5, Amherst, graduated 1858, Union Seminary, 1872,) supplied the Second Church Portland, in September, and has been acting-pastor from Dec. 30, 1877.

Rev. WILLIAM WARREN, D. D., Gorham, District Secretary of the Am. Bd. C. F. M. from 1857, resigns his position on account of his health.

Preston B. Wing, Lic., supplies at Minot Center during the summer of 1878.

The Church edifice, of the High St. Church Auburn, has been enlarged nineteen feet, giving 36 additional pews. A recess of 24 feet has also been provided, for the new organ. The audience room and lecture room have been newly painted, frescoed and carpeted. At the re-opening of the house Dec. 9, 1877, appropriate services were held,—the pastor preaching from 2nd Chron., 6: 41,—On Public worship.

Williston Church, Portland, are building a new meeting-house, on the corner of Thames and Carroll St. The corner stone was laid Oct. 17, 1877. Rev. I. P. Warren, of Portland, read the Scriptures; prayer by Rev. Mr. McWhinnie; historical statement by Dea. Charles A. Lord; financial statement by John H. True; remarks by Pastor Clark, and Rev. H. W. Lathe, of Plymouth Ch., Portland; prayer, Rev. A. H. Wright, of St. Lawrence St. Ch.; benediction by Dr. Carruthers.

State St. Church edifice was, in September, newly painted and frescoed, furnished with a new carpet, stained glass windows, and tablets with inscriptions on each side of the pulpit.

Plymouth Church edifice was renovated in September. The "Church Hymnal," is introduced as a book of praise and worship.

The church in Cumberland Center, have newly carpeted, painted, and frescoed their church edifice. It was re-opened August 5, 1877, with appropriate services. Is was an unintentional coincidence that the text of the discourse by the pastor, was the same as used at its first dedication, 46 years ago,—"How amiable are thy tabernacles." The first meeting-house was built on nearly the same spot, in 1794. The present structure, in 1831. It was repaired and renewed in 1860, and now still further improved.

The church edifice in Gray, was damaged by fire April 14, 1878, caused by the falling of the chandelier. The house has been repaired and a new pulpit and chairs furnished.—The Church in West Minot and Hebron have repaired their house of worship.

The Church in Pownal re-opened their meeting-house June 2, 1878, having painted frescoed and carpeted it, and lowered the platform and pulpit. Discourse by Prof R. C. Stanley, of Lewiston.

The old meeting-house and lot of the First Church, Yarmouth, has been sold. The house was built in 1818, and has not been occupied for several years.

High St. Church. Auburn, have built a parsonage, in the rear of the church.—The Church in Freeport are providing a parsonage.

The history of the Church and Parish, in Gorham, is referred to in the Historical Discourse delivered in Gorham, Sep, 24, 1876, by Rev. Leonard Z. Ferris, and published in pamphlet form in 1877,—26 pps. 8vo.

The Ecclesiastical History of Brunswick, Topsham and Harpswell, is referred to in the history of those towns by George A. and Henry W. Wheeler, published in Jan. 1878, pp. 352, 406, 436. The educational history of each, p. 456. The whole volume comprises 989 pps. octavo.

The Christian Mirror renewed its publication in Portland, April 7, 1877, commencing with No. 35, vol. 55.

Charles Austin Lord, editor and proprietor of the Mirror from 1856 to 1874, died in Portland, Aug. 7, 1876, æt 72. From 1851 to 1856, Mr. L. was associated with Rev. Asa Commings, D. D., in conducting the paper. (See Minutes, 1876, p. 142.)

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CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Auburn, J. R. Learned; Auburn, West, Rev. J. S. Cogswell; Auburn, Sixth Street Church, Rev. L. Reynolds; Baldwin, T. D. Richardson; Brunswick, John Furbish; Cape Elizabeth, First Church, Rev. E. A, Harlow; Cape Elizabeth, Welsh, Ligonia Church, Rev. J. P. Evans, Ligonia, Portland, P. O.; Cumberland, Rev. T. S. Perry; Deering, First Church, Dea. H. H. Dow, 35 Oak street, Portland; Deering, Woodford's Corner, Dea. Wm. E. Gould; Durham, Ralph H. Hascall; Falmouth First, Rev. J. C. Adams; Falmouth Second, Samuel Bell; Freeport, Daniel Curtis; Freeport South, Rev. H. Ilsley: Gorham, Stephen Hinkley; Gray, David B. Cummings: Harpswell, Wm. C. Eaton; Lewiston, Pine Street Church, Fred. B. Sands; Mechanic Falls, J. M. Eveleth, M. D.; Minot Center, Dea. S. W. Shaw; Hebron and West Minot, Wm. Lowell, W. Minot; New Gloucester, Dea. A. C. Chandler; North Yarmouth, N. W. F. Sweetser; Poland, Mrs. George Waterhouse; Portland Second Church, John W. D. Carter; High St. church, Daniel Evans; Fourth Church, Henry A. Murray; Bethel Church, Rev. F. Southworth; State Street Church, Edward P. Oxnard; St. Lawrence Street Church, Benjamin Thompson; West Congregational Church, Ebenezer M. Gay, No. 3, Hemlock street; Plymouth Church, C. S. D. Griffin, jr.; Williston Church, L. R. Loring, box 1136; Pownal, Azor Mitchell; Scarboro, Dea. George W. Libby, Oak Hill; Standish, Rev. J. P. Trowbridge; Westbrook, First Church, (now Deering First Church,) Dea. H. H. Dow; Westbrook, Second Church, Dea. Harlan P. Murch, Saccarappa; Westbrook, Warren Church, Cumberland Mills, Dea. James Graham; Windham, Rev. Luther Wiswall; Yarmouth, First Church, Rev. Joseph Torrey; Central Church, Barnabas Freeman.

Rev. William A. Bosworth, of Deering, *Scribe of Conference;* Rev. Trueman S. Perry, of Cumberland Centre, *Registrar and Treasurer.* Next meeting in Williston Church, Portland, Jan. 7, 8, 1879.

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION, formed in Westbrook, May 28, 1788. Annual meeting, second Tuesday of February; other meetings, on the second Tuesday of May, August, and November. Rev. Francis Southworth, of Portland, *Scribe.* Met July 23, 1877, in High St. Chapel, thence to Cushing's Island. Sept. 11, Nov. 13, 1877, Feb. 13, May 14, 1878, in State St. Chapel.

FRANKLIN CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, Tuesday and Wednesday preceding the second Wednesday in June. Organized in Strong, January 15, 1839.

THIRTY-NINTH Annual Meeting was held with the church in Farmington Falls, June 18, 19, 1878. Dea. Joseph P. Thwing of Farmington, *Moderator.* Opening sermon, Rev. George A. Gordon, of Temple, Rom. 1: 16, Paul's grand reason for confidence in the Gospel of God. Conference sermon, Rev. U. W. Small, of Wilton, John 16: 12, 13. Promise of the Spirit. Subjects for remark;—1. Giving as an act of worship. 2. The mistakes of the pulpit, considered by the pews. 3. How can the churches of this conference increase their usefulness. 4. The claims of children in the preparation of the sermon. 5. Oliver Optic literature,—its effect on child mind. 6. What effect ought the recent discussions of future punishment to have upon our preaching? Lord's Supper administered by Revs. J. Loring Pratt, of Strong, and Hiram Murphy, of the Methodist church.

JAMES I. JONES, (Bangor, 1877,) ordained pastor of church in Farmington Falls and Mercer, June 19, 1877. Record, Minutes 1877, p. 50. Resigns April 1878, and goes to Oberlin, Ohio.

GEORGE A. GORDON, (Bangor, 1877,) ordained pastor at Temple, June 20, 1877. Record, Minutes 1877, p. 50. Resigns,—to take effect June 1, 1878,—proposes to study one or two years at Harvard C. Robert Peacock, a graduate of Bangor Sem., 1878, is now supplying.

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DANIEL OLIN CLARK, (Boston University, 1876, Bangor Sem., 1878,) ordained as an Evangelist in New Sharon, June 20, 1878. Rev. Cyrus Hamlin, D. D. of Bangor, *Moderator* of Council,—Rev. Webster Woodbury, of Skowhegan, *Scribe*, Reading the Scriptures, Rev. U. W. Small, of Wilton; prayer, Rev. J. Loring Pratt, of Strong; Hymn; Sermon by the Moderator, 1st, Timo. 3: 15, 16; ordaining prayer, Rev. John W. H. Baker of New Sharon; charge, by the Scribe; Hymn; right-hand, Rev. O. W. Rogers, of Farmington; prayer; benediction, Rev. D. O. Clark.

Mr. C. is engaged to supply at New Sharon, one year.—He will be acting pastor, also at Farmington Falls.

Rev. John W. H. Baker, closed his labors at New Sharon, Dec. 1877.

Rev. U. W. Small, of Wilton, supplies also at East Wilton.

F. G. Chutter, supplied at New Vineyard five months, from Feb. 1, 1878.

The order of Sabbath service at Farmington is—A. M., Sabbath school and Bible class; P. M., sermon; 5 o'clock P. M., a delegation from two to six, go to school districts and hold neighborhood meetings. The list is read from the pulpit, with other notices, and report is made respecting them, at the general prayer-meeting in the evening.

The church at Farmington Falls, have aided in building a union chapel and contemplate erecting a meeting-house.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Farmington, Joseph P. Thwing; Farmington Falls, Mrs. J. Brown; Industry, W. M. Bryant; New Sharon, F. M. Howes; New Vineyard, John McLain; Philips, Joseph N. Worthly; Strong, S. B. Luce; Temple, Abel Sampson; Weld, Timothy H. Frye; Wilton, Edward P. Packard.

E. P. Packard, of Wilton, *Scribe of Conference;* Rev. J. Loring Pratt, of Strong, *Reporter;* Dea. Joseph P. Thwing, of Farmington, *Treasurer.* A semi-annual meeting to be held in December. Annual meeting, in Weld, June 10, 11, 1879.

HANCOCK CONFERENCE.

Annual meeting, second Tuesday and Wednesday in June. Organized in Bucksport, May 10, 1825. Semi-annual meeting in September or October.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING was held in Bluehill, October 23, 24, 1877. Sermon on Tuesday evening, by Rev. Charles J. H. Ropes, of Ellsworth, 1 Cor., 2: 2, "Jesus Christ and him crucified." Conference sermon by Rev. Wm. Forsyth, of Bucksport. Acts 20:24. The heroic element of christian character as shown in the life and labors of Paul. Topics for remarks,—The duty of the church, in view of the present condition of the nations; the prayer-meeting; what shall be done to secure a better observance of the Sabbath. An essay was read on "the spirit of the gospel."—A service of song was held on Tuesday. The claims of the Maine Missionary Society, were presented by Rev. Wm. Forsyth, and Dea. Edward Swasey, of Bucksport. The condition, importance and need of the Classical School at Hallowell was enforced by J. M. Larrabee, Esq. of Hallowell. Verbal reports of the churches were given. An increased interest is manifest throughout the Conference in Sabbath schools. The Lord's Supper was administered by Revs. Sewall Tenney, of Ellsworth, and Alfred E. Ives, of Castine. Eleven of the fourteen churches were represented. "Our Conference was a good one, realizing the fellowship of the saints, and communion with the Spirit."

THE FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING was held with the church in Castine, June 18, 19, 1878. Rev. Hiram Houston, of Deer Isle, *Moderator.* Opening sermon by Rev. Daniel W. Hardy, Psalm, 80: 18. "So will not we go back from thee; quicken us, and we will call upon thy name." Conference sermon, Rev. Chas. J. H. Ropes, Matt. 28: 20. "With you alway." Topics for discussion,—The Sabbath school; prayer; duties of pastors to people; of christians to each other. Report of

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the churches, by Rev. Edward R. Osgood, read by Rev. D. W. Hardy, who also made an appeal for the American Missionary Association. Lord's Supper administered.

CHARLES JOSEPH HARDY ROPES, (Yale, 1873, Andover, 1877,) ordained pastor of the church in Ellsworth, Aug. 15, 1877. Rev. Amasa Loring, of Foxcroft, *Moderator;* Rev. Herbert A. Loring, of Foxcroft, *Scribe.* Public services,—Anthem by the choir; reading scriptures and prayer by Rev Edward A. Van Kleek, (Baptist) of Ellsworth; hymn by choir and congregation, "Go labor on." Sermon, Rev. J. Henry Thayer, of Andover, Mass.,—1 Peter 4: 11, "If any man speak let him speak as the oracles of God." Anthem by the choir; ordaining prayer by Rev. Sewall Tenney, the former pastor; charge by the Moderator; right-hand, by the Scribe; address to people, Rev. William Forsyth, of Bucksport; singing by the congregation "Hear us we pray;" concluding prayer, Rev. A. R. Plumer, of Mt. Desert; Doxology; benediction by the pastor.

The same council approved the dissolution of the pastoral relation of Rev. SEWALL TENNEY, D. D., to the church, which has subsisted so pleasantly and satisfactorily for forty-two years.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted.—

1. That after so long and so pleasant an acquaintance with Rev. SEWALL TENNEY, D. D., the retiring pastor of this church, we do deeply regret that he now feels the necessity of resting from the active duties of the Christian ministry.

2. That we would as an ecclesiastical council, here record our high appreciation of the ability, piety, and faithfulness with which he has discharged the duties of his long and succesful pastorate with this people, and maintained so cordial and useful a connection with our County and State denominational organizations.

Record, in Ellsworth American, Aug. 17, Ch. Mir., Aug 25.

LEWIS J. THOMAS, (Wyoming, 1875, Bangor Sem., 1878,) ordained pastor of the Trinitarian Church, Castine, June 18, 1878. Rev. Hiram Houston, of Deer Isle, *Moderator* of Council; Rev. Daniel W. Hardy, *Scribe.* Public services,—Anthem by the choir; reading Scriptures and prayer, Rev. Charles J. H. Ropes, of Ellsworth; hymn, Rev. Geo. S. Kemp, of West Brooksville; sermon, Rev. George W. Field of Bangor, John 8: 12, "I am the light of the world." Ordaining prayer, Rev. Sewall Tenney, of Ellsworth; charge, Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine, former pastor; right-hand, Rev. Clarence A. Beckwith, of Brewer; address to people, by the *Moderator;* concluding prayer by the *Scribe;* benediction by the pastor.

Rev. ALFRED E. IVES, former pastor, by the same council was dismissed from his charge. He had been their esteemed and faithful pastor, for twenty-three years.—

The Council put upon record their high appreciation of his ability, faithfulness, and success as a minister of the Gospel, and cordially commend him to the churches.

Record of Council, Bangor Courier, June 20, and Ch. Mir., June.

REV. DANIEL WARREN HARDY, (Bowdoin, 1861, Bangor, 1871,) acting-pastor at Bluehill, from September, 1877.—Rev. Harvey M. Stone, a former pastor, (1848—54) installed pastor at Saundersville, Mass., Dec. 18, 1877.—Rev. Arthur H. Tebbetts a. p 1872—6, is at Tynsboro, Mass.

Rev. JOSIAH PRESCOTT STINCHFIELD, (Concord Ins., N. H., 1854,) at Somesville and Bar Harbor, from March 31, 1878.

Rev. A. R. Plumer, West Somesville and Tremont, three months from July 1, 1877, now residing in Kittery.

Rev. Josiah T. Closson, a. p., at Deer Isle, Second Ch. in 1866, and 1875, to Dec. 24, 1877, is a. p. at Fairlee and North Thetford, Vt.

The meeting-houses of the First and Second churches in Deer Isle, were damaged by a gale Jan. 17, 1878.

The church in Castine, May 1878, passed a resolution of thanks to Dea. Samuel Adams, for the gift of a parsonage; they also record their grateful remembrance of his strong and constant support of the Sabbath, the Sabbath school, and the social means of grace, for forty-six years.

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The Deer Isle Union Conference held its seventh session in West Deer Isle, Nov. 15. The two Congregational Churches, the Methodist, Baptist and Free Baptist churches, unite in the Conference. Rev. Hiram Houston, preached from Heb. 4: 16, on the privilege of prayer. The Free Baptist meeting-house, where the Conference met, was dedicated the day previous. Sermon by Rev. Hiram Houston, Malachi 3: 10.

Deac. Henry Darling, died in Bucksport, Jan. 6, 1878, aet 85, Ob., Bangor Whig and Courier, Jan. 10, 11; and Rufus Buck, May 11, 1878, aet 82, sixty years a member of the church in B. Superintendent of the Sabbath school 20 yrs. Reminiscences, Ch. Mir., June 8.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Amherst and Aurora, Dea. Sylvanus Butler, Aurora; Bluehill, Samuel B. Johnson; West Brooksville, M. J. Farnham; Bucksport, Dea. Edward Swasey; Castine, Rev. A. E. Ives; Deer Isle, 1st ch., Daniel Saunders; Deer Isle, 2d ch., Wm. E. Powers, p. t., North Deer Isle; Ellsworth, John H. Brimmer; Isle au Haut, Elcy S. Turner; Orland, A. P. Emerson; Sedgwick and Brooksville, Dea. S. Allen, North Brooksville; Sedgwick Village, D. J. Cunningham, Brooklin; Tremont and Mt. Desert, Rev A. R. Plumer, West Eden; R. L. Grindle, M. D., Somesville, Mt. Desert.

Rev. Daniel W. Hardy, of Bluehill, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference.*

The next meeting is at Orland, October 22, 23, 1878.

HANCOCK ASSOCIATION, organized in Sedgwick, Sept. 21, 1797. Meetings, first week in June, and second week in August, November, and February. Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine, *Scribe.*

KENNEBEC CONFERENCE.

Annual meeting, second Tuesday and Wednesday in June—Organized in Winthrop, Oct. 29, 1823.—Semi-annual meeting, fourth Tuesday and Wednesday in October.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING held in connection with Somerset Conference, at Skowhegan, October 23, 24, 1877. (See Somerset Conference, p. 68.)

FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING, held with the church in Pittston, June 11 12, 1878, commencing with Devotional exercises. Opening sermon, Rev. Ezra N. Smith, of Waterville, Conference sermon, Rev. Josiah T. Hawes, of Litchfield. Praise-meeting on Tuesday evening followed by a sermon by Rev. Warren F. Bickford, of Winthrop, Prov. 23: 7, "For as he thinketh in his heart so is he." Topic, for remarks,—1. Ought the feeble churches to contribute to benevolent objects. 2. How far ought sacrifices to be made for the support of the Gospel at home. 3. Our prayer-meetings. 4. Want of morality among professed Christians. Prayer-meeting, on Wednesday morning, led by Rev. J. T. Hawes. Report of the churches, by the Scribe. Question Box. A social recess for ten minutes each day. The text and subject of Rev. E. N. Smith's sermon,—Ps. 60:24. "Loyalty to Christ." Lord's Supper administered by Revs. Thomas Adams, of Winslow, and Henry F. Harding, of Hallowell.

Dea. Simon Page, died in Hallowell, July 30, 1878, æt 74. Long connected with the church as a faithful Christian.—Superintendent of the Sabbath school for half a century.—A supporter of the Classical School, in Hallowell, and identified with every good work.

REV. JOHN E. PIERCE, who went as a missionary to Erzroom, Turkey, in 1868, has returned with his family to this country, for a season. He was at his home at Monmouth, in Nov., 1877, and has given an account of his missionary labors, and of the work in Turkey, in many of the churches of the State.—Mr. P. returns to Turkey in September, and will be stationed at Nicomedia.

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The South church, Augusta, has cancelled a debt of $1000. The pastor, Rev. J. H. Ecob, went to Europe, June 20, 1878, to be absent six months. The pulpit to be supplied in his absence, by Charles A. Dickinson, of Andover Sem'y. (Harvard, 1876.)

Rev. William C. Curtis, of Richmond, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference.*

Next meeting (semi-annual,) in connection with Somerset Conference, at Winslow, October 8, 9, 1878. Next annual meeting in Monmouth, June 10, 11, 1879.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Augusta, Dea. Edward A. Nason; Benton, Dea. H. L. Crosby; Clinton, A. M. Billings; Gardiner, Rev. A. L. Park; Hallowell, Dea. S. K. Gilman, a. c.; Litchfield, Dea. John Hancock; Monmouth, Dea. M. J. Metcalf; Pittston, Dea. David A. White; Richmond, Dea. B. F. Tallman; Sidney, A. Sawtelle; Vassalboro, Otis Hawes; Waterville, Joseph L. Towne; Winslow, Geo. W. Patterson; Winthrop, Dea. Stephen Sewall.

KENNEBEC AND SOMERSET ASSOCIATIONS united, April 23, 1867, at Waterville.—Meets fourth Tuesday of January, April, and October, and the second Monday in July. Rev. Webster Woodbury, of Skowhegan, *Scribe.*

Kennebec Association formed in Pittston, July 24, 1816, merged in Kennebec and Somerset Association.

LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOC CONFERENCE.

Organized in Alna, June 8, 1825. Annual Meeting Tuesday and Wednesday in June.

THE FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING was held with the church in Phipsburg, June 11, 12, 1878. Opening sermon, by Rev. Lewis Goodrich, of Warren, *Moderator*, Mark 8:34. "Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."—Conference sermon, Rev. Lewis D. Evans, of Bristol. Ps. 103:11, 12. The sinfulness of man, and the greatness of God's mercy. Topics for remarks:—1. The Sabbath, and how to keep it. 2. The Sabbath school,—its true object, and how to secure it. 3. The duty of the church to the community in which it is located. 4. Its duty in strengthening the availing agencies for righteousness, and against sin. Special reference was made to Temperance. 5. Its duty to sustain neighborhood prayer-meetings. 6. The church's duty to its own children. Home Missions were presented by Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath. Foreign Missions, by Rev. William Warren, Dis. Sec. Am. Bd. C. F. M. Address to children, on Tuesday evening, by Rev. L. D. Evans. Lord's Supper administered by Rev. J. O. Fiske, D. D., of Bath, and Rev. Nahum W. Grover, of Topsham.

REV. JAVAN K. MASON, D. D., resigned his pastorate in Thomaston, July, 1877, and removed to Fryeburg. An Ecclesiastical Council convened in Thomaston, March 6, 1878, dissolved the relation subsisting between them. Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D., of Bath, Moderator of Council; Rev. Andrew J. McLeod, of Waldoboro, Scribe.

By the same council, and on the same day, March 6,

REV. CHARLES HENRY POPE (Bowdoin, 1862, Bangor, 1865,) was installed pastor of the church in Thomaston. Public services,—Introductory, by Rev. Henry O. Thayer of Woolwich, and the Scribe. Sermon by the Moderator, Psalm 8:4. "What is man that thou art mindful of him." Installing prayer, Rev. Lewis Goodrich, of Warren; charge to pastor, by Rev. Henry O. Thayer, (College and Seminary classmate); right-hand, by the Scribe; welcome to the church, by Dea. Seth S. Gerry; address to the people, by Rev. Lewis Goodrich; concluding prayer, Rev. George P. Matthews, of the Baptist church; benediction by pastor. Record, Rockland Gazette, March 7; Ch. Mir., Mar. 16.

Mr. P. has been in California from 1865, at Grass Valley, San Mateo, Hydesville, where he organized a church; pastor at Benecia, six years; at Oakland, three years.

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Rev. Ezra B. Pike, acting pastor at Boothbay Harbor 2nd ch., from June 1, 1873, and the 1st ch., from June, 1875, resigned his charge, Nov. 25, 1877. Now a. p. Northwood, N. H.

Rev. Richard William Jenkins, (Bangor, 1874,) acting pastor of the First and Second churches, Boothbay, from June, 1878.

Rev. George W. Christie, acting pastor at Wiscasset from July, 1876, resigns his charge June 2, 1878, and goes to Salmon Falls, N. H. Mr. C. supplied also the First church, Newcastle, in the summer of 1877, and in the autumn, the church in Alna.

Rev. John J. Bulfinch, who has been supplying two years in Washington, closed his labors here, June, 1878.

Rev. F. V. Norcross, of Union, has also supplied at Appleton.

Rev. Jotham Sewall, pastor of Second ch., Newcastle, fifteen years, 1824 to '39, visited Maine, and the former localities of his labors, in the autumn of 1877. He is now 85 years of age. He preached a Sabbath, in the 1st ch., Bangor, then supplied by his son, Professor John S. Sewall.

A chapel built at Warren, was dedicated Jan. 16, 1878. Dedicatory prayer, Rev. Flavius V. Norcross, of Union; remarks by Rev. L. Goodrich, the pastor; Rev. N. Dutton, of the Baptist ch., and Rev. F. V. Norcross. Appropriate singing by the choir. The whole expense was $800, of which was paid in money $455, and the remainder in free labor. The Ladies' Sociable furnished the room.

Work has been commenced on the church edifice in North Edgecomb. The vestry walls are up, Sept., 1877.

An effort is making to build a chapel on Squirrel Island, in Southport, 14 miles south of Wiscasset. It is a place for summer residences, and the hall which has been occupied for worship, does not accommodate the sojourners.

The Semi-Centennial Anniversary of the organization of the Second church in Warren, was observed February 27, 1878. In the forenoon, Rev. Lewis Goodrich, the pastor, Ins., Nov. 3, 1875, gave an historical sketch of the church. After the services, a collation was served in the chapel,—tables spread for more than 200.

In the afternoon, there were reminiscences by former pastors,—Rev. Franklin Davis, of Tamworth, N. H., (1847 to '49,) and Rev. David Q. Cushman, of Bath, (1857—'63,) and by letters from Revs. Edward F. Cutter, D. D., of Belfast, (1833—'46,) Crosby H. Wheeler, of Harpoot, (1852—'56,) Edwin S. Beard, of Brooklyn, Conn., (1864—'72.)

In the evening, addresses were made by Revs. Franklin Davis, Chas. H. Pope, of Thomaston, Andrew J. McLeod, and M. M. Rawson Esq., of Waldoboro, and Mr. Stetson.

The original number of members was 23; of whom eight are now living.—Five were present at this anniversary. Whole number to the present time 327. Of these, eighty-three have died; sixty-three dismissed, leaving the present number 181. It has had seven pastors, six deacons, and called to and attended, fourteen ecclesiastical councils.

Clerks of the Churches.—Alna, Dea. Jeremiah Pearson; Bath, Winter St., Rev. J. O. Fiske; Bath, Central, Rev. William Hart; Boothbay, First ch., Daniel Dodge, North Boothbay; Boothbay, 2nd ch., Dea. James T. Beath; Bremen, J. P. Hilton; Bristol, Rev. L. D. Evans; Edgecomb, Samuel Clifford; Lisbon, Mrs. A. M. Shea, Lisbon Falls, a. c.; Newcastle, 1st Church, C. C. Laiten, Sheepscot Bridge; Newcastle, 2d Church, Rev. Wm. F. Obear; Phipsburg, Nathaniel C. Read; Rockland, A. J. Shaw; Thomaston, Dea. Joshua A. Fuller; Topsham, Rev. Daniel F. Potter; Union, Augustus Vaughn; Waldoboro, 1st Church, George Allen; Waldoboro, 2nd ch., Jacob Winchenbeau; Warren, Isaac P. Starrett; Washington, Rev. J. J. Bulfinch, a. c.; Wiscasset, Rev. George W. Christie, a. c.; Woolwich, Rev. Henry O. Thayer.

Rev. William F. Obear, of Newcastle, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference.* Mr. Houston, of Damariscotta, *Auditor;* Rev. Lewis Goodrich, of Warren, *Reporter.*

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Next meeting with Second ch., Newcastle, June 10, 11, 1879.

LINCOLN ASSOCIATION, formed in Warren, May 1, 1814,—meets third Tuesday in January, and second Tuesday in May and September. Met in Waldoboro, May 7, 1878.

LINCOLN (WEST) ASSOCIATION, formed at Phipsburg, May 1, 1844.—Meetings, first Tuesday in February, May and November. Rev. Henry S. Loring, of Phipsburg, *Scribe*. Met in Woolwich, Nov. 7, 1877; with Dr. Fiske, Bath, Feb. 5, 1878; Damariscotta, May 7.

OXFORD CONFERENCE.

Organized in Bridgton, Jan. 16, 1824. Annual Meeting, second Tuesday and Wednesday in June. Semi-annual meeting, Tuesday and Wednesday after second Monday in September.

The SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING was held with the church in Turner, September 25, 26, 1877, Rev. David Garland, of Bethel, *Moderator*. Sermon by Rev. Arthur J. Benedict, of Gorham, N. H., 1 Timo. 2: 8. Theme,—prayer. Conference sermon, Rev. Edward E. Bacon, of Norway, Rom. 12: 1. Theme,—by the law, all are lost. Topics for remarks; 1. Christian character, in the individual. What is it? How is it manifested? 2. Christian character in the church, (a.) how is the church to help the individual, (b.) what is the individual's duty to the church?—to obey, to defend, to protect. 3. Christian character in its effect upon the world (a.) how marred, (b.) how magnified, (c.) individual responsibility. Rev. J. E. Adams, Sec. Maine Missy. Society, presented its claims. Rev. E. F. Borchers conducted a Bible reading, Tuesday P. M.—Ordinance of the Lord's Supper administered by Revs. Josiah T. Hawes, of Kennebec Conference, and Ernest F. Borchers, of Cumberland Conference.

FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING, with the church in Oxford, June 11, 12, 1878. Rev. David Garland, of Bethel, Moderator. Opening sermon, Rev. Charles L. Mills, of Norway. The parable of the fig tree. Conference sermon, Rev. Charles D. Crane of South Paris, 1 Cor. 3: 6, "I have planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase." Topics for discussion,—Faith,—its nature, genesis and growth. Faith in exercise,—in the closet, the pulpit, the prayer-meeting, and in the world. Evangelism, and Evangelists, Home and Foreign Missions. The Lord's Supper administered by the Moderator, and Rev. Joseph Loring, of Otisfield.

EDWARD EVERETT BACON, (Hamilton, 1873, Andover, 1877) ordained pastor of the 2nd ch., Norway, Sept. 13, 1877. Rev. George A. Lockwood, of Oxford, Moderator of council,—Rev. Frank E. Clark, of Portland, Scribe. Invocation and reading of Scriptures, Rev Nehemiah Lincoln, of North Bridgton; Anthem by the choir, "Rejoice the heart of thy servant;" prayer, Rev. William A. Spaulding, of Lynn, Mass.; hymn; sermon, Rev. Charles L. Mills, of 1st ch., Bethel, Matt. 13: 3, "Behold a sower went forth to sow;" ordaining prayer, Rev. David Garland, of Second church Bethel; charge to pastor by the Scribe; right-hand, Rev. Frederick E. Emrich, of Mechanic Falls; address to the people, by the Moderator; prayer, Rev. Edwin S. Tingley, of Turner; singing by the choir; benediction by the pastor.

The ladies prepared in the vestry, a collation, at noon.

Rev. Henry Farrar, acting-pastor in Gilead from 1872, resigned his charge Nov. 18, 1877; now at Falmouth.

The church at Gilead have purchased land near the chain bridge on the south side of the river, near the depot, and moved the meeting-house on the north side upon it, and are raising and repairing it. The old church edifice on the south side is to be disposed of, and they will arrange for a stated supply, June, 1878.

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Repairs are to be made on the meeting-house in South Paris, to be completed in September.

A CHURCH OF CHRIST, comprising twenty-four members, was organized in BERLIN FALLS, N. H., November 22, 1877, connected with Oxford Conference. Rev. David Garland, of the Second ch., Bethel, was Moderator of the council; Rev. Charles E. Harrington, of Lancaster, N. H., Scribe.—Invocation, and reading of Scriptures, by Rev. Arthur J. Benedict, acting pastor; hymn; sermon, Rev. Edward Y. Hincks, of Portland, John 3: 33. Theme,—Every consistent Christian by his life sets his seal to, or endorses the statements which God makes in the Gospels. Reading of the Articles of Faith and Covenant, by the Moderator; administration of ordinance of baptism, by Rev. A. J. Benedict; prayer of recognition and consecration, Rev. Henry Farrar, of Gilead; right-hand of fellowship, by the Scribe; address to the church, by Rev. Charles L. Mills, of First ch., Bethel; concluding prayer, David F. Brown; benediction by the acting pastor.—Rev. A. J. Benedict, clerk of the church; Frank M. Coffin, and John Wilson, Deacons.

Charles Perry Mills, of Andover Seminary, (Amherst c., 1874,) supplies at Berlin Falls, and Gorham, N. H., during the absence of Rev. A. J. Benedict in Europe, from June, 1878; Mr. B. returning in September.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Andover, Eben Poor, p. t.; Berlin Falls, N. H., Rev. Arthur J. Benedict; Bethel, 1st ch. J. M. Purington; Bethel, 2nd ch., Rev. David Garland; Dixfield, D. S. Libbey; Gilead, William R. Peabody, p. t.; Gorham, N. H., Rev. A. J. Benedict; Norway, 1st ch., J. F. Holt; Norway 2nd ch., T. G. Goodwin; Oxford, Julius F. Fuller; Rumford, Rev. J. Elliot, p. t.; Shelburne, N. H., Mrs. Maria F. Gates; South Paris, Stephen Parsons; Sumner, J. T. Stetson; East Sumner; Turner, Horace True; Upton, A. W. Strickland.

A. W. Valentine, of Bethel, *Scribe and Treasurer;* Dea. T. G. Goodwin, of Norway, *Reporter of Subbath Schools.* Next meeting with the First church, Norway, Sept. 24, 25, 1878.

OXFORD ASSOCIATION formed in Norway, June 11, 1822. Second Tuesday in May, July and September, are its times for meeting.

The Turner and Auburn Ministerial Association, met in Turner Nov. 19, 1877.

PENOBSCOT CONFERENCE.

Organized in Brownville, January 11, 1825. Annual meeting, second Tuesday and Wednesday in June. Semi-annual meeting, second Tuesday and Wednesday in January.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING held with the church in Brewer Village, Jan. 9, 1878. Devotional exercises at the opening, led by Dea. J. R. Farrington, of the Agricultural College, in Orono. Conference sermon by Rev. Jonathan Edwards, of East Orrington, Matt. 22:42. "What think ye of Christ?"—Topics for discussion,—The best methods of raising money for the support of the Gospel, in home and foreign fields. Revivals of religion. (1.) Confession of sins, and return to righteousness. (2.) Personal work for souls. The churches have had frequent additions since the last session. Ordinance of the Lord's Supper administered,—Revs. S. P. Fay and G. W. Field, of Bangor, officiating.

FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING, with the church in Holden, June 11, 12, 1878. Dea. George A. Snow, of Brewer, *Moderator.* The SEMI-CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY of the organization of the church in Holden, was observed in connection with the Conference, occupying the chief part of the first day. An historical sketch was given by the clerk, George C. Wiswall. The original number was sixty-seven, (Males, 26, Females, 41). Three only remain. Two hundred and fifty-four members in all have been received. Six have entered the ministry. Five pastors, Chas. R. Fiske,

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1831—'33, *1854; Alphonso L. Whitman, 1834—'38, *1874; Joseph R. Munsell, 1840—'52; Francis Southworth, 1857—'62; Joseph S. Cogswell, 1870—'73. There have been eight Deacons. The meeting-house was built in 1829; the parsonage, in 1848. A letter was read by Daniel Farrington, from Zenas R. Farrington, of Portland, a former officer of the church. Remarks on "the lessons derived from the past," were introduced by Rev. J. Smith, of Kenduskeag; on "duties of the present," by Rev. J. E. Adams, of Bangor; and by Rev. Joseph S. Cogswell, of West Auburn, a former pastor, on "future prospects." Rev. S. P. Fay, of Bangor, on the importance of small rural churches, and the value of their worship. Prayer was offered by Rev. A. J. McGown, of Orono. Benediction by Rev. S. P. Fay. Report in Ch. Mirror, June 22.

The report of the state of the churches in the Conference, was presented by the Scribe, Mr. G. W. Starbird.—Topics for discussion,—change in the attitude of church members towards amusements, and its influence on their spirituality; change of religious thought with relation to the pulpit and education; claims of the Sabbath school. Conference sermon, by Rev. Alfred J. McGown, of Orono, Matt. 22:42. Christ as a man, prophet, priest, king, and Lord of all. Administration of the Lord's Supper by Revs. J. E. Adams, of Bangor, and Henry N. Hoyt, of Hampden.

ALFRED J. MCGOWN (Bangor, 1877,) ordained pastor of the church in Orono, July 3, 1877. (Record, Minutes, 1877, p. 55.)

CLARENCE AUGUSTINE BECKWITH, (Olivet, 1874, and Yale, 1875—'6. Bangor, 1877,) ordained pastor of the First ch., Brewer, Jan. 9, 1878. Rev. John S. Sewall, of Bangor, Moderator of Council; Dea. Elnathan F. Duren, of Bangor, Scribe. Organ voluntary; hymn, by the congregation; invocation and reading of the Scriptures, by the Moderator; hymn, "Glorious things of thee are spoken"; sermon, Rev. Geo. W. Field, D. D., of Central church, Bangor,—Acts 28:15. Theme,—The strength and encouragement which a pastor may receive from the sympathy, love, christian confidence, and help of his people, and how it may be shown; ordaining prayer, Rev. Cyrus Hamlin, D. D., of Bangor Seminary; charge to pastor, Rev. Solomon P. Fay, of Hammond St. ch., Bangor; right-hand, Rev. Henry N. Hoyt, of Hampden, (a college classmate); address to the people, Rev. Levi L. Paine, D. D., of Bangor Seminary; singing, "We bid thee welcome"; prayer, Rev. Alfred J. McGown, of Orono, (a Seminary classmate); benediction, by the pastor. Mr. B. is the ninth pastor of this church, organized 78 years ago, the oldest in the Conference.

REV. JOSEPH SMITH (Bangor Seminary, 1842,) supplies the church in Kenduskeag, from April, 1877. Once in four Sabbaths he preaches in North Levant, and in South Levant.

REV. HENRY NELSON HOYT, (Olivet coll., 1873, Harvard Div. Sch., 1873, '4, Yale S., 1875, '6,) acting pastor at Hampden, from Nov. 10, 1877.

REV. STEPHEN LEWIS BATES SPEARE, (Dartmouth, 1854, Chicago S., 1867, '8, Andover, 1854, '5, 1873, '4,) acting pastor of the First church, Bangor, from July 1, 1878.

Lewis J. Thomas supplied at Oldtown and Milford, seven months from July 1, 1877; and Merrill Blanchard, from June 9, 1878.

EDWARD CLARENCE CRANE, *Lic.*, (Bangor S., 1878,) is engaged to supply the church in Holden, one year from June 3, 1878.

ROBERT F. TRUE, *Lic.*, is to supply at East Bangor, from June, 1878. A church has been organized in this place, which was received into Penobscot Conference, at its last session in Holden.

Thomas F. Norris, *Lic.*, supplied at Alton, from July 1. 1877, twelve months. Horace Peckover, *Lic.*, supplies from July 1, 1878.

Rev. S. P. Fay, of Bangor, sailed Aug. 2, 1877, for Europe, in the ship W. H. Conner, from Penobscot Bay, arriving at Liverpool, Aug. 28. He visited Scotland, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland, France, and England. On the 6th of October, took passage in the steamer Anchoria, from Glasgow, arriving at New York, Oct. 16, in Bangor, Oct. 19. Reception in the vestry, Oct. 20.

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Rev. Charles E. Harrington, at Brewer Village in 1873, was installed pastor of the South church, Concord, N. H., April 18, 1878.

A CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH was organized in EAST BANGOR, August 7, 1878, comprising twenty-eight members, from other churches. Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Bangor, was *Moderator* of the Council; Dea. Augustus L. Bourne, *Scribe.*—Prayer by the Moderator. Instituting of the church, conducted by Rev. Enoch Pond, D. D. Sermon, by Rev. Cyrus Hamlin, D. D., 1 Timo. 3:15. "The church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." Remarks by Rev. J. E. Adams, on systematic beneficence. Remarks by Dr. Pond on the office of Deacon; following which was the ordination of two Deacons, chosen by the church. Prayer of consecration of the church, and its officers, by Dr. Pond. Two were added to the church, on confession of faith. Ordinance of the Lord's Supper, administered by the Moderator, and Rev. Dr. Hamlin. The choir sung at the opening of the service, "How beautiful thy garments." The congregation united with the choir in singing several hymns, in the course of the afternoon. Everett Wallbridge and Davis Lumbert, were elected the Deacons.—Ch. Mir., Aug. 17.

The First Church, Brewer, have repaired and enlarged their church edifice; fourteen pews have been added. Re-opened for worship, May 5, 1878.

The church in Hampden have expended $300, in painting and in repairs upon their church edifice.

A Union Chapel at North Bangor, was dedicated March 28, 1878. Dedicatory prayer, Rev. S. P. Fay; sermon, Rev. Horace W. Bolton, Bangor.

WEST BANGOR CHAPEL.—The Fourth Anniversary held June 2, 1878. Services every Sabbath afternoon, and Sabbath and Friday evenings. Mr. Daniel Greene, stated supply.

AT NORTH BANGOR, T. P. Williams, S. S.; EAST BANGOR, R. F. True, S. S.; and ESSEX ST., BANGOR, C. A. Wathen, S. S.—services are also held.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Bangor 1st Ch., William P. Hubbard; Bangor, Hammond St. Ch.. Dea. E. F. Duren; Bangor, Central Ch., Henry S. Brown; Bangor East, Allen C. Tibbetts, p. t.; Brewer, 1st Ch., C. O. Farrington; Brewer Village, Daniel Sargent, 2nd; Dedham, Benj. P. Todd; Dixmont and Plymouth, Geo. H. Thayer, a. c., Plymouth; Hampden, Daniel F. Holland; Holden, George C. Wiswall; Kenduskeag, Orren R. Barrows; Oldtown, C. A. Bailey; Orono, Dea. Joseph Greaves; East Orrington, Ephraim Goodale; Upper Stillwater, Ida Rogers; Veazie, Dea. Nahum Warren.

Lorenzo W. Starbird, of East Dixmont, *Scribe of Conference;* Dea. E. F. Duren, of Bangor, *Treasurer.*

PENOBSCOT ASSOCIATION formed at Bangor, August 8, 1842. Annual meeting on Tuesday, preceding the third Wednesday in December,—other meetings by adjournment. Met in Bangor, at Seminary Reading Room, several times during the year. Rev. S. P. Fay, *Moderator;* Rev. John S. Sewall, D. D., *Scribe.*

PISCATAQUIS CONFERENCE.

Organized in Foxcroft, Sept. 20, 1842. Annual meeting, second Tuesday and Wednesday of June. Semi-annual meeting, third Tuesday in October.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING in Foxcroft, Oct. 16,—18, 1877. Opening sermon, Rev. Jehiel S. Richards, jr., of Dexter, Ps. 19:7. "The law of the Lord is perfect."—Conference sermon, Rev. Rufus W. Emerson, of Monson, Phil. 3:8. The excellency of the knowledge of Christ.—Topics for discussion,—What can this Conference do to strengthen its feeble churches; how best to occupy outlying destitute places; christian worship,—how best promoted; the baptism of the Holy Spirit,—1. What is it? 2. The need of it. 3. The results of it. What are some of the obstacles to a deeper work of grace in our churches, and how can they be removed?

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Repentance. 1. Immediate duty of. 1. Encouragement to. The annual meeting of the Piscataquis County Bible Society was held on Tuesday evening; report by Rev. Amasa Loring, colporteur, and address by Rev. Wm. H. Gilbert, New England Agent.—Praise and promise meeting, Wednesday P. M. Young people's meeting in the evening.—Rev. J. E. Adams, Sec'y, presented the claims of the Maine Missionary Society, and J. M. Larrabee, financial agent, the claims of the Classical School, Hallowell. The Lord's Supper observed, Revs. J. E. Adams, of Penobscot Conference, and P. B. Thayer, of Garland, officiating.

THE THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING, was held with the church in Blanchard, June 18, 19, 1878. Rev. Charles Davison, of Greenville, *Moderator*. Opening sermon, by Rev. Peter B. Thayer, of Garland, Matt. 19:26. "With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.". Tuesday evening, sermon by Rev. Herbert A. Loring, of Foxcroft. Isa. 62:10. "Prepare ye the way," &c. Conference sermon, Rev. Amasa Loring, of Foxcroft, Matt. 25:40. Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Topics for remarks,—The Sabbath,—its divine authority; proper mode of observance; violations of it. Home and Foreign Missions. American Missionary Association. Resolutions memorializing the late J. W. Barron, were adopted,—also one endorsing the work of the Temperance Reform Clubs.—(Ch. Mir., Aug. 3.) The Lord's Supper administered by Revs. C. L. Nichols, and Charles Davison.

The annual meeting of the Piscataquis Auxiliary of the Woman's Board of Missions, was held on Tuesday afternoon, June 18, at Blanchard, Mrs. Chas. Davison, Vice-President, presiding. Receipts, $70. Remarks were made by several ladies.

JEHIEL SIMMONS RICHARDS, (Bowdoin, 1872, Bangor, 1877,) ordained pastor of the church in Dexter, June 21, 1877.—Record, Minutes, 1877, p. 56.

REV. GUSTAVUS WARREN JONES, (Bangor Sem'y, 1873,) a. p. in Monson, from May 1, 1878.

Rev. Henry B. Hart supplied at Medford, three months, from October 1, 1877.

REV. AMORY H. TYLER, a. p. in Monson, 1870,—'77,—installed pastor, Middletown, Mass., Oct. 24, 1877. Sermon, by Rev. Smith Baker, formerly of Orono; right-hand, Rev. Chas. B. Rice, formerly of Saco.

Each of the churches in the Conference held during the autumn, meetings for a week; the ministers being with them, and preaching each in turn. They proved satisfactory and profitable.

The church in Dexter, is making efforts to erect a meeting-house, to be called the BARRON MEMORIAL CHURCH, in memory of Dea. James Wilson Barron, an officer in the church, who lost his life, Feb. 22, 1878, while defending the charge committed to him, as cashier of the bank in Dexter. (See pps. 16, 17.) Notices in Dexter Gazette, and Bangor papers, Feb. 23—25, Ch. Mirror, March 2, 9, 30, April 6, 13, May 4, June 8, Cong'list, April 17.

The church edifice of the church in Foxcroft and Dover having received extensive repairs and improvements, was re-dedicated Jan. 6, 1878. Sermon by the pastor, Rev. H. A. Loring, Phil. 2:13, 14.

The meeting house at Blanchard, renovated and improved, was re-opened for public worship, June 16, 1878.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Atkinson, R. B. Gould; Blanchard, Daniel Blanchard; Brownville, E. W. Stickney; Dexter, P. J. Abbott; Foxcroft and Dover, C. H. B. Woodbury, of Dover; Garland, Rev. P. B. Thayer; Greenville, Rev. Chas. Davison; Monson, Gustavus B. Hiscock; Sangerville, Dea. Joseph Fowler; Abbot Village, Washington W. Delano.

Rev. Rufus W. Emerson, of Monson, *Scribe of Conference;* C. H. B. Woodbury, of Dover, *Treasurer*. Next meeting, in Monson, Oct. 15, 16, 1878.

PISCATAQUIS ASSOCIATION, formed at Monson, January 25, 1841. Annual meeting, third Tuesday in February; other meetings quarterly. Rev. Jehiel S. Richards, of Dexter, *Scribe*. Met in Dexter, Aug. 21, 1877; Abbot, Dec. 18; Foxcroft, May 24, 1878. A circular issued by the Association, in behalf of the Barron Memorial church, was published in Ch. Mir., June 8.

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SOMERSET CONFERENCE.

Organized in Norridgewock, Oct. 1, 1823 Annual meeting, Tuesday preceding second Wednesday in June. Semi-annual meeting, no regular day; usually in Oct.

This Conference, and Kennebec Conference united in holding their SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, at Skowhegan, October 23, 24, 1877. Opening sermon by Rev. Henry V. Emmons, of Hallowell, John 7: 38. Abiding in Christ. Conference sermon, Rev. Almon W. Burr, Principal of the Classical School, Hallowell. Theme,—Jehovah, a God for man's need. Topics for discussion.—1. The relation of Bible study to Christian character, and to intelligent piety. 2. How shall the minister work most effectively, (a.) in the pulpit (b.) and out of it. 3. Christian honor and honesty. 4. Child nurture, (a.) in the house, (b.) in the church. 5. An earnest winter in the church,—how secured. Tuesday evening, a fellowship meeting; Wednesday evening a praise meeting.

THE FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING was held with the church in Athens, June 11, 12, 1878.—Conference sermon by Rev. Webster Woodbury, of Skowhegan, 1 Pet. 2: 4, 5,—Christians as living stones.—Topics for remarks,—1. The word of God, how made profitable, 2 Timo. 3: 16, 17. 2. A pure literature, Prov. 6: 27, 28. 3. The church and temperance, 2 Cor. 9: 8, l. c. 4. How to make our church work a success, Luke 6: 8, l. c. 5. How can the feeble churches be strengthened, Phil. 2: 4. Lord's Supper administered by Revs. T. G. Mitchell, of Madison, and W. S. Sewall, of St. Albans.

Rev. JOHN WILSON BROWNVILLE, Bangor Sem., acting pastor in Solon, Dec. 1877. Supplies also at South Solon, and Athens,—and occ. at North New Portland, from June, 1878.

Mr. F. G. Chutter, Lic., supplies at West New Portland, once in four weeks, June 1878.

Rev. JAMES I. JONES, closed his labors in Mercer April, 1878.

Somerset County Bible Society, at the annual meeting, Skowhegan, June 12, 1878, elected Hon. James Bell, of Skowhegan, President; Rev. Benjamin Tappan, D. D., of Norridgewock, Recording and Corresponding Secretary; A. R. Bixby, of Skowhegan, Treasurer and Depositary.

CLERKS OF CHURCHES.—Anson, Arthur Dinsmore; Athens, Dr. W. B. Leavitt; Bingham, Dea. Nathan Baker, Madison, Dr. C. D. Morrill; Madison, East, Mark Hobart; Mercer, Albert J. Downes; New Portland, North, Dr. W. H. Stevens; Norridgewock, H. N. Page; Skowhegan, Hon. James Bell; Solon, Dr. Mortimer Bodwell; South Solon, Rev. J. W. Brownville, a. c.; St. Albans, Nathaniel Merrill.

Clinton A. Woodbury, of Skowhegan, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference.* Next semi-annual meeting in connection with the Kennebec Conference, at Winslow, Oct. 8, 9, 1878.—Annual meeting in Mercer, June 10, 11, 1879.

SOMERSET AND FRANKLIN ASSOCIATION formed at Strong, May 4, 1853. Somerset Association united with Franklin, was formed July 10, 1844; these are now merged in the Kennebec and Somerset Association, formed at Waterville, April 23, 1867. Meets fourth Tuesday of January, April, and October, and second Monday in July. Rev. Webster Woodbury, of Skowhegan, *Scribe.*

UNION CONFERENCE.

Organized in South Bridgton, June 14, 1836. Annual meeting, Tuesday preceding the second Wednesday in June (two days). Semi-annual meeting, last Tuesday in October (two days).

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, at Harrison, October 30, 31, 1877. Rev. N. Lincoln, of North Bridgton, *Moderator.* Opening sermon, by Rev. Henry Carpenter, of Bridgton, 1 John 5: 12.—"He that hath the Son, hath life." Conference sermon, Rev.

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J. K. Mason, of Fryeburg, Phil. 2:5. "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus."—Topic discussed,—What is a revival of true religion? how promoted,—hindrances. Prayer-meetings were held, led respectively by Rev. J. E. Adams, Rev. H. B. Fry, and Mr. Charles Sternes. The claims of the Hallowell Classical and Scientific school, were presented by J. M. Larrabee, Esq., and a resolution commending this institution to the churches, was adopted. A fraternal letter was read from Rev. E. F. Borchers, former pastor of the church in Harrison. The cause of Foreign Missions was commended to the notice of the Conference, in a letter from Rev. Wm. Warren, Dis. Sec'y, which is published in Ch. Mir., Nov. 24. The work of the Maine Missionary Society was presented by Rev. J. E. Adams, Sec'y, and a resolution adopted to support the pastors of the Conference in all evangelistic missionary efforts. Notice in Ch. Mir., Nov. 10. The ordinance of the Lord's Supper was administered by Rev. J. E. Adams, of Penobscot Conference, and Rev. H. B. Fry, of South Bridgton.

THE FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING was held in Hiram, June 18, 19, 1878. Rev. Nehemiah Lincoln, *Moderator.*

Opening sermon, Rev. Holland B. Fry, of So. Bridgton, Rev. 14:1—4. The characteristics of the song of the Redeemed. Conference sermon, Rev. Javan K. Mason, D. D., of Fryeburg, Rom. 8:2, "The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus, hath made me free from the law of sin and death." Topics for discussion,—1. The christian, the world's Bible, (a.) the inconsistent christian, how read? (b.) the consistent christian, how read? 2. Qualifications of successful christian work, Dr. Mason;—(a.) in the church, Rev. E. S. Jordan; (b.) for the young, to bring them to the sanctuary, Mr. Hamblen, of Lovel; to bring them into the kingdom, Rev. J. H. Libbey.—The Lord's Supper administered.

Rev. HOLLAND BARD FRY, (Oberlin c. 1865, sem. 1865, Andover 1868.) installed pastor of the church in South Bridgton, Nov. 6, 1877. Rev. Nehemiah Lincoln, of North Bridgton, *Moderator;* Mr. Thomas B. Knapp, of South Bridgton, *Scribe.* Public services,—Voluntary by the choir; reading Scriptures and prayer, by the Moderator; singing; sermon, Rev. Addison Blanchard, of Cumberland Mills, Gal. 5: 16, "Walk in the Spirit;" installing prayer, by Moderator; charge to the pastor, and right-hand, Rev. Henry Carpenter, of Bridgton; address to people, Rev. A. Blanchard; singing; benediction by pastor.

By the same council, Rev. JOHN W. BROWNVILLE was dismissed from the pastorate, held since 1873. Mr. B. is called to Solon.

ISAAC HARDING LIBBEY, of Limington, who has labored several years as a lay evangelist, was ordained pastor of the church in Stow and Chatham, May 17, 1878. Rev. Javan K. Mason, D. D., of Fryeburg, *Moderator* of the council; Rev. S. Gerard Norcross, of Conway, N. H., *Scribe.* Services—anthem by the choir; prayer and reading of Scriptures, by the Scribe; hymn; sermon by the Moderator, Acts 18: 9, 10, on the preacher's commission, safety, and object; ordaining prayer, Rev. Nehemiah Lincoln, of North Bridgton; charge, Rev. Henry H. Osgood, of Waterford; right-hand, Rev. Reuben D. Osgood, of Limington; address to the people, and concluding prayer, Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Bangor; hymn; benediction by pastor.

Mr. L. has supplied here from March 17, 1878. Mr. J. H. Leavitt closed his labors, October, 1877.

Rev. HENRY CARPENTER, closed his labors in Bridgton, Feb. 17, 1878. The church desired that he would remain, but he declined. He supplies occasionally.

Rev. R. HENRY DAVIS, who was acting pastor in Belfast 1872, 3, and in Hiram, 1873, 4, and since pastor at Granby, Mass., was dismissed from his charge, May 22, 1878, to accept an appointment as missionary of the Am. Bd., to Japan. He leaves for California in Sept. next, and sails thence to Japan.

The new church edifice in Albany was dedicated June 14, 1878. Voluntary by the choir; chant; prayer, Rev. N. Lincoln, of North Bridgton; sermon, Rev. George W. Bird, acting pastor, Romans 10: 14, "How shall they hear without a preacher." Dedicatory prayer, Rev. Charles L. Mills, of First ch., Bethel. A letter from Rev. E. P. Chittenden, of Barton Landing, Vt., who supplied at Albany, in 1875, 6, was

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read by Rev. H. H. Osgood, of Waterford; hymn; closing service, Rev. David Garland, of Second church, Bethel.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Albany, Dea. J. H. Lovejoy; Bridgton, J. H. Caswell; Bridgton, North, Oliver Barnard; Bridgton, South, J. P. Kimball; Brownfield, Cyrus Wentworth; Casco, Joseph Moors; Denmark, Dea. Wm. F. Davis; Fryeburg, Hon. George B. Barrows; Harrison, Howard L. Sampson; Hiram, Peleg Wadsworth; Lovell, Joseph F. Stearns; Naples, Dea. Wm. Chute; Otisfield, Dea. Silas Morton, East Otisfield, Stow and Chatham, Mrs. W. D. Jewell, Chatham, N. H.; Sweden, Dea. Isaac Eastman; Waterford, Dea. W. Kilbourne; Waterford, North, Samuel H. Warren.

Rev. Henry H. Osgood, of Waterford, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference.* Next meeting in Casco, Oct. 29, 30, 1878; 1st preacher, Rev. H. H. Osgood; 2d preacher, Rev. J. K. Mason, D. D.

UNION ASSOCIATION, formed in South Bridgton, Jan. 1, 1834. Meets the first Tuesday in March and September, and second Thursday in December.

WALDO CONFERENCE.

Organized in Searsport, June 14, 1848.—Annual meeting, second Tuesday and Wednesday in June.—Semi-annual meeting, first Tuesday and Wednesday in Oct'r.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING with the church in Winterport, Oct. 9, 10, 1877. Opening sermon, Rev. Benj. B. Merrill, of Searsport, John 14:9. The object of Christ's temptation, and lessons drawn from it, as applicable to other men. Conference sermon, Rev. John A. Ross, Matt. 13:54. Character, teachings, and abiding presence of Christ.—Topics discussed,—1. How shall we utilize the working power of the church. 2. How shall christian character be developed. 3. The relative importance of temperance in church work, in order that she may be efficient for good. 4. What must I do to be saved? 5. The Sabbath school, (a.) what is it? (b.) its needs; (c.) how to meet them. The reports from the churches show that peace, unanimity, and some revival interest prevails. The ordinance of the Lord's Supper administered by Revs. A. N. Jones, of Jackson, and J. St. John, of Sandy Point.

The THIRTIETH ANNUAL MEETING was held June 11, 12, 1878. No report received.

JOSEPH ST. JOHN, of Amiens, France, (Ottoway c., 1870, Bangor Sem., 1877,) ordained pastor of the Second church in Searsport, and church at Sandy Point, Aug. 28, 1877. Rev. W. M. Barbour, D. D., of Bangor, *Moderator;* Rev. Albert N. Jones, of Jackson, *Scribe.* Services.—Reading Scriptures, and prayer, by the Scribe; anthem, by the choir, "Welcome;" sermon, and ordaining prayer by the Moderator. Text of sermon, Acts 6:4. "We will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word." Charge, Rev. John A. Ross, of Belfast; right-hand, Rev. Benj. B. Merrill, of Searsport 1st ch.; address to people and prayer, Rev. Gustavus W. Jones, of Winterport; hymn; benediction by pastor.

Rev. Joseph St. John, released from the joint pastorate of the above churches, May 24, 1878. Rev. Stephen Thurston, D. D., of Searsport, *Moderator* of the council; Rev. Benj. B. Merrill, of Searsport, *Scribe.*

Rev. GUSTAVUS W. JONES, installed pastor of the church in Winterport, Nov. 9, 1875, acting pastor from May 14, 1875, was dismissed by council, March 14, 1878. Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Bangor, *Moderator;* Rev. Benj. B. Merrill, of Searsport, *Scribe.* Record, Ch. Mir., March 23. Mr. J. accepts a call to Munson.

Rev. A. J. CLIFFORD, a. p. at Rockport, from Nov. 1877. Rev. Thomas M. Davies, who left Rockport, July, 1877, is a. p. at North Yarmouth, from Aug., 1877.—This church has been furnished with two tablets, by Dea. Stephen Sewall, of Winthrop, having Scripture passages carved thereon with his own hands.

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Rev. Flavius V. Norcross, of Union, has supplied a part of the time in Appleton and Jackson.

CLERKS OF CHURCHES.—Belfast, 1st Ch., Rev. John A. Ross; Belfast, North, Joshua Towle, p. t.; Camden, A. D. Mansfield; Frankfort, Upton Treat; Freedom, R. Elder; Jackson and Brooks, Rev. Albert N. Jones, Jackson; Rockport, N. T. Talbot; Sandy Point, J. B. French; Searsport, 1st Ch., Rev. B. B. Merrill; Searsport, 2nd Ch., J. L. Park; Unity, Ephraim Murch; Winterport, Rev. G. W. Jones.

Rev. Wellington R. Cross, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference.* Next meeting in Camden, Oct. 2, 3, 1878.

WALDO ASSOCIATION, formed in Belfast, Nov. 10, 1830. Annual meeting in August. Assembles three times in addition, during the year. Rev. B. B. Merrill, of Searsport, *Scribe.* Met in Rockport Sept. 26, 1877; Belfast, May 28, 1878. Topics discussed,—The spiritual body; adventism, and probation.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

Organized in Eastport, Feb. 18, 1829.—Annual meeting, second Tuesday and Wednesday in June.—Semi-annual meeting, second Tuesday and Wednesday, in October.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING with the church in Machias, Oct. 23, 24, 1877. Dea. Peter E. Vose, of Dennysville, *Moderator.* Opening sermon, by Rev. George W. Kelley, of Eastport, 1 John 5:21. "Keep yourselves from idols." Conference sermon, by Rev. Elijah J. Roke, of East Machias, John 19:25. The cross of Jesus. Topics discussed,—1. The Bible, a book for all people. 2. A devotional spirit, as a preparation for christian work. 3. Exact honesty as a requirement of God, and a want of the times. 4. What can children do to make the Sunday-school prosperous? 5. How should Sunday-school lessons be prepared by teachers and pupils? 6. The need of missionary work in this county, and how can it be supplied? 7. What are some of the chief hindrances to a religious revival in our churches?—The annual meeting of the County Bible Society was held Tuesday P. M. Mr. Forbes, colporteur, reported his work. A Sabbath school meeting was held Tuesday evening, preceded by a praise meeting, of thirty minutes. Question-box opened at the close. A prayer-meeting was held at 6:30 A. M., on Wednesday. Fourteen of the eighteen churches were represented at the Conference. The Lord's Supper administered by Rev. Stephen Thurston, D. D., a. p. at Jonesport, and Rev. Samuel C. Fessenden, of Robbinston.

THE FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING was held with the church in Dennysville, June 10—13, 1878. Dea. Peter E. Vose, *Moderator.* Opening sermon, Rev. Addison Blanchard, State missionary, Heb. 11:7 Faith. Conference sermon, Rev. Chas. G. McCully, of Calais, Col. 3:17. "Do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God, and the Father by Him." Topics for remarks,—1. The Christian Sabbath—how shall it be kept? 2. The need of religion in the daily life; (a.) to secure fidelity, honor, and truthfulness; (b.) to develop friendship and sympathy, (c.) to comfort in sorrow, losses and trials. 3. How shall a revival spirit be maintained in a church? 4. The rights and duties of a Congregational church. On Tuesday, at 2 P. M., the annual meeting of the Washington County Bible Society was held. Tuesday eve'g 7:15. Praise and promise meeting, 7:45. Sabbath school meeting, 8:30. Discussion on the study of the Bible; 1. The need. 2. The best method. Wednesday, 10 A. M. Reports of Scribe, and Delegates of the Churches. 11 A. M. Missionary meeting. Wednesday evening, 7:15. Praise service. 7:30. Fellowship service. 8 P. M. Brief addresses upon practical topics. Thursday, 9 A. M. Woman's Missionary meeting. 2 P. M. Ordination of Frederic E. Shaw. Devotional exercises were held, at different times, and morning prayer-meetings each day. Lord's Supper administered on Wednesday P. M., Revs. S. Thurston, D.D., and Addison Blanchard.

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FREDERIC ELIAS SHAW was ordained as an Evangelist at Dennysville, June 13, 1878. Rev. Stephen Thurston, D. D., of Searsport, *Moderator* of the Council; Rev. J. Evarts Pond, of St. Stephens, N. B., *Scribe*. Services.—Anthem, by a quartette; reading of the Scriptures, Rev. Charles Whittier, of Dennysville; prayer, Rev. Seth Hinkley, (Christian Baptist);—singing. (Sermon preached in connection with the meeting of Conference); ordaining prayer, by the Moderator; charge by the Scribe; right-hand, Rev. Addison Blanchard, State Miss'y; prayer, Rev. S. L. Bowler, of Machias; quartette; benediction, Rev. E. F. Shaw. Mr. S. supplies at East Machias, from June 16.—Rev. Elijah J. Roke, a. p. from March 11, 1877, to June 1, 1878, has left. Called to Newington, N. H.

EDGAR FOSTER DAVIS, (Bowdoin C., 1871, Yale, S., 1878,) ordained pastor of the church in Perry, Aug. 8, 1878. Rev. S. L. Bowler, of Machias, *Moderator* of Council; Rev. Charles Whittier, of Dennisville, *Scribe*. Invocation, Rev. George W. Kelley, of Eastport; reading of the Scriptures, Rev. F. D. Hardy, of Eastport; (sermon omitted); hymn, "I love thy kingdom, Lord"; ordaining prayer, by the Moderator; charge, Rev. Addison Blanchard, State missionary; hymn, "In the cross of Christ I glory"; right-hand, Rev. Frederic E. Shaw, of East Machias; address to the people, Rev. Charles G. McCully, of Calais; hymn, "Ye Christian heralds, go proclaim"; prayer, by the Scribe; Doxology, "Praise God"; benediction by the pastor.

Mr. Foster supplied the church in Perry, from June 10, 1877, to Sept. 23, 1877,—and from May 10, 1878.

Clarence Spalding Sargent (Dartmouth, 1876, Yale S., 3rd year,) supplies at Princeton, P. M. and evening, every other Sabbath, from May 26, 1878. The alternate Sabbath, A. M. in Waite; P. M. and evening, in Topsfield.

A CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH WAS ORGANIZED IN JONESPORT, Sept. 11, 1877, comprising twenty-seven members of the church in Machias, but residing in Jonesport; seven from the Baptist church, and eight on profession of faith. Rev. Stephen Thurston, D. D. of Searsport, *Moderator* of the Council; Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Bangor, *Scribe*. The reception and recognition of members, and the prayer of consecration, by the Moderator; right-hand of fellowship, and address to the church, by the Scribe. Sermon by Rev. Elijah J. Roke, of East Machias, Exo. 33: 18.—"Show me thy glory." Prayer by Rev. Stephen L. Bowler, of Machias, who had previously baptized by immersion those received on confession on faith.

A branch of the church at CALAIS was formed at RED BEACH, July 7, 1878.—Fourteen made a profession of their faith, and more will follow soon. The services were conducted by Rev. Chas. G. McCully, of Calais. The sermon was from Ps. 116: 16. "O Lord, truly am I thy servant; * * thou hast loosed my bonds." Red Beach is a thriving settlement eight miles from the center of Calais, and included within the city limits. A deep religious interest was awakened here last winter, in connection with the labors of young men from the different churches in Calais.

Eighteen members were added to the church in Cherryfield, on confession of faith, July 21. Thirteen of them heads of familes.

H. W. Chapman, Lic., supplied at Steuben, three months from July 1, 1877.

The extensive revivals in this Conference, and the labors of the pastors, ministers, and churches,—with those of the Evangelists, D. L. Chubbuck, and J. E. Vassar; the Delegates of the Young Men's Christian Association, and of Rev. Addison Blanchard, State Missionary, are referred to in the report of the churches, p. 30, and by the Secretary of the Maine Missionary Society.

The parsonage of the church in East Machias, was destroyed by fire, Oct. 8, 1877. Rev. E. J. Roke, was occupying it, and lost part of his furniture.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Alexander, Dea. Isaac P. Crafts; Calais, A. L. Clapp; Cherryfield, Jeremiah O. Nickels; Cooper, Mrs. A. C. Sawyer; Dennysville, Dea. Peter E. Vose; Eastport, Dea. G. A. Peabody; Jonesport, Mrs. Adaline R. Keene; Machias, Dea. Warren Hill; Machias, East, Sarah B. Harris; Machiasport, J. F. Sanborne; Marshfield, Miss Melissa L. Hanscom; Northfield, George W. Smith; Pembroke, Cushing Wilder; Perry, Chas. S. Davis; Princeton, Dea. Leonard Pea-

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body; Robbinston, Rufus Gates; Milltown, N. B., S. H. Hitchings; Topsfield, Mrs. L. Crabtree; Whiting, Mrs. Cornelia A. Chase; Whitneyville. Dea. N. Batcheller.

Dea. C. F. Stone, of Machias, *Scribe of Conference:* Dea. Geo. A. Peabody, of Eastport, *Treasurer*. Next meeting in Machias, Oct. 16, 17, 1878.

WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION reported in Minutes, 1852—1873. Meetings in June and October. Sub. Associations more frequently. Re-organized June, 1878. Met with Rev. Charles Whittier, Dennysville, June 12.

YORK CONFERENCE.

Organized in Buxton, October 1, 1822.—Annual meeting, second Tuesday in June.—Semi-annual meeting second Tuesday in October, each continue two days.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING with the church in Alfred, October 9, 10, 1877. Opening sermon, Rev. Albert Cole, of Cornish, 2 Timo. 2: 12. On suffering with Christ. Conference sermon, Rev. Edward Chase of Biddeford, John 6: 56. "He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me and I in him." Topics.—I. The church a working body,—prepared to work; 1, through the Scriptures; 2, through christian experience and the success of the gospel in the world; 3, through present agencies. II. The church working; 1, by the pulpit, by the Sabbath school; 3, by literature, permanent and transient. III. Duty of the church toward our County Missionary Society. Address by Rev. J. E. Adams, Sect'y of Maine Miss'y Society. IV. The Hallowell Classical School. V. The present period of revivals, its method, and lessons. Address by Rev. A. Cole, on the relation of the church to the Sabbath school, benevolent societies, education, and moral reform,—followed by a discussion. Lord's Supper administered by Revs. George F. Tewksbury, of Lyman, and Ernest F. Borchers, of Barrington, N. H.

THE FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING, was held with the Union church in Kennebunk,—June 11, 12, 1878. Hon. Joseph Titcomb, of Kennebunk, *Moderator*. Opening sermon, Rev. William S. Thompson, of Acton, Matt. 14: 23. On secret prayer. Conference sermon, Rev. George Lewis, of South Berwick, Luke 24: 48. "Ye are witnesses of these things." Topics for discussion.—1. The Bible,—its authority, purpose, and value; its relation to science; its interpreters, and abuses. 2. The christian witness,—what? by whom borne? and how? The committee on Home Missions, Revs. G. R. Merrill, B. P. Snow and W. S. Kimball, reported that $1100 had been raised in the Conference during the year, All appropriations for missionary aid go through their hands, to the Secretary of the Maine Missionary Society, endorsed with their judgment, as to place and supply. Conference voted to raise the same amount this year. Administration of the Lord's Supper by Revs. David B. Sewall, of York, and Edward Chase, of Biddeford.

Rev. EDWARD CHASE, (Union, 1859, Andover, 1862,) installed pastor of the Pavilion church, Biddeford, December 27, 1877. Rev. Charles H. Gates, of Kennebunkport, *Moderator* of council. Rev. Joseph Kyte, of Buxton, *Scribe*. Invocation, Rev. Gershom F. Cobb, of the Methodist ch.; hymn 346, Songs of Zion,—"Ye servants of the Lord." Sermon, Rev. Charles Tenney, of Chester, N. H., (a former pastor, 1858—71,) text, Mark 4: 23—25; installing prayer, Rev. George R. Merrill, of 2d ch., Biddeford; charge, by the Moderator; right-hand by the Scribe; address to people, Rev. John T. Blades, of Saco; hymn, "Fearless, calm, and strong in love." read by Rev. H. J. White, pastor Free Baptist ch., Biddeford; benediction by pastor.

JOSEPH A. KELLOGG, ordained at West Newfield, as an Evangelist, March 27, 1878. Rev. Albert Cole, of Cornish, *Moderator* of council; Rev. William S. Thompson, of Acton, *Scribe*. Service of song, by the choir; invocation, and reading the Scriptures, by the Scribe; prayer, by Rev. Alara Hatch, of the Methodist church West Newfield; sermon, Rev. Benjamin P. Snow, of Alfred, 2 Timo. 4: 2, "Preach

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the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and patience;" ordaining prayer, by the Moderator; charge, Rev. David Garland, of Second ch., Bethel; right-hand, by the Scribe; benediction, Rev. J. A. Kellogg. Mr. K. has since left for New York.

Rev. JOHN THOMAS BLADES, (Cambridge and Westminister, London, Eng., 1870) acting pastor of the church in Saco, from Jan. 14, 1877.

Rev. BENJAMIN DODGE, (Bangor S., 1874,) acting pastor at Lebanon, from Nov. 18, 1877.

Rev. DAVID LEWIS JONES, (Bangor Sem., 1876) acting pastor at West Newfield, from May 1, 1878. Supplies also at Parsonsfield.

Rev. THOMAS NEWMAN LORD, (Bowdoin, 1835,) is supplying at Kittery, from April, 1878.

HENRY ALLEN FREEMAN, (Bangor Sem., 1878,) acting pastor First church, Biddeford, from June 1878.

Rev. Henry T. Arnold, supplied at Limerick, three months from October 1, 1877. Rev. Addison Blanchard conducted meetings here in March, 1878.

Henry J. Stone, Lic., supplied at Sanford and South Sanford, from Nov 11, 1877. The meeting-house in Sanford was destroyed by fire July 1, 1878. Loss, $2000. No insurance. A new edifice will soon be commenced.

Andrew Christy Browne, (West Res. Coll., 1875, Union Sem., 3d yr.,) at Elliot, from May 19, 1878.

Efforts are making in Second ch., York, to repair their house of worship.

Rev. Walter E. Darling, pastor of Union church Kennebunk, 1866—'76,—a. p. in Farmington, N. H.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Acton, Rev. Wm. S. Thompson; Alfred, Thomas Rogers; Biddeford, First Ch., John R. Staples; Biddeford, Second Ch., Dr. Thomas Haley; Biddeford, Pavilion Ch., John H, Burnham; Buxton, Geo. G. Davis; Buxton Center, Osman K. Cobb; Cornish, Rev. A. Cole; Elliot, Calvin H. Guptill, a.c; Kennebunk, Union, Joseph T. Nason; Kennebunkport, Woodbury Smith; Kennebunkport, South, J. L. Cole; Kittery Point, Dea. Charles Duncan; Lebanon, Dea. John E. Moody, Lebanon Centre; Limerick, W. Adams; Limington, Leonard J. Strout; Lyman, Dymon Roberts; Newfield, West, E. H. Symes; Parsonsfield, H. G. O. Smith, of North Parsonsfield; Saco, J. W. Littlefield; Sanford, Prescot Emery; Sanford, South, Jeremiah L. Moulton; Shapleigh, James Coffin; South Berwick, Rev. Geo. Lewis; Wells, First Ch., John W. Hubbard; Wells, Second Ch., John Goodwin; York, First Ch., Rev. David B. Sewall; York, Second Ch., Rev. Joseph Freeman.

Rev. Woodbury S. Kimball, of Wells, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference.* Rev. William S. Thompson, of Acton, *Reporter.*

Next meeting in Cornish, Oct. 8, 9, 1878.

YORK ASSOCIATION, organized in Arundel, (now Kennebunkport,) Oct. 27, 1817; meets on the first Tuesday of February and May, and the last Tuesday in September; Rev. Joseph Kyte, Buxton, *Scribe.* Met in Kennebunk, Sept. 11, and Oct. 30, 1877; in Alfred, Feb. 5, 1878.

A minister's meeting was organized in Buxton, March 1878, to meet Saturday afternoon of each week. Rev. Joseph Kyte, *Moderator;* Rev. T. K. Chase, *Scribe.*

The ministers in South Berwick, Elliot, York and Kittery, are connected with the PISCATAQUA ASSOCIATION, formed in Kittery, October 24, 1781. Annual meeting, third Tuesday in April; other meetings on the third Tuesday of July, October and January. Rev. Isaac C. White, of New Market, N. H., *Scribe.* Met at Kensington, N. H., Oct. 16, 1877; New Market, N. H., April 16, 1878.

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SAMUEL ROWE, ordained in Boxford, Mass., by a council called by the church in that place, February 20, 1878. Rev. John D. Kingsbury, of Bradford, *Moderator;* Rev. Sereno D. Gammell, of Boxford, *Scribe.* Public services.—Voluntary, Gloria in Excelsis; Invocation, Rev. Charles U. Dunning, of Lawrence; reading Scriptures and prayer, Rev. Oliver S. Butler, of Georgetown; sermon, by Rev. James McLean, of West Boxford, Neh. 6: 3; charge by the Scribe; right-hand, Rev. George H. Ide, of Lawrence; prayer, Rev. Wm. S. Coggin, of Boxford; benediction by Rev. Samuel Rowe.

Mr. Rowe, is a graduate from the Hartford Deaf and Dumb Asylum, and was licensed to preach, Dec. 18, 1875, by the Essex North Association, Mass. Rev. D. T. Fiske, *Moderator,* Rev. S. J. Spaulding, *Scribe.* He is the Missionary of the Maine Deaf Mute Mission, organized in Belfast, Dec. 31, 1877. Charles Augustus Brown, a member of the Cong. ch., in Belfast, President; Ebenezer W. Curtis, a member of the Cong. ch. in New Gloucester, Secretary; Hiram R. Hunt, member of the Free-Will Baptist ch., in Gray, Treasurer. He visits the deaf mutes, in all parts of the State, and preaches each Sabbath in the principal cities and towns.

The GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES IN MAINE, was organized in PORTLAND, Jan. 10, 1826.

Receivers and Reporters.

Aroostook Conference—Rev. Zenas Crowell, of Houlton. *Cumberland*—Rev. T. S. Perry, of Cumberland. *Franklin*—E. P. Packard, of Wilton. *Hancock*—Rev. D. W. Hardy, of Bluehill. *Kennebec*—Rev. W. C. Curtis, of Richmond. *Lincoln and Sagadahoc*—Rev. Lewis Goodrich, of Warren. *Oxford*—A. W. Valentene, of Bethel. *Penobscot*—L. W. Starbird, of East Dixmont. *Piscataquis*—Rev. R. W. Emerson, of Monson. *Somerset*—Clinton A. Woodbury, of Skowhegan. *Union*—Rev. H. H. Osgood, of Waterford. *Waldo*—Rev. W. R. Cross, of Camden. *Washington*—Charles F. Stone, of Machias. *York*—Rev. W. S. Thompson, of Acton.

NATIONAL COUNCIL.

The following Delegates from Maine, were present at the session held in Detroit Mich., October 17,—21, 1877.

From GENERAL CONFERENCE.—Rev. William H. Fenn, of Portland; Dea. Henry F. Eaton, of Milltown.

CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE.—Rev. Ezra H. Byington, of Brunswick; Rev. Edward Y. Hinks, of Portland; Hon. Nelson Dingley, Jr., of Lewiston.

FRANKLIN.—Rev. Uriah W. Small, of Wilton.

KENNEBEC.—Hon. Simon Page, of Hallowell.

LINCOLN & SAGADAHOC.—Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D., of Bath.

OXFORD.—Rev. Andrew J. Benedict, of Gorham, N. H.

SOMERSET.—Rev. Thomas G. Mitchell, of Madison.

YORK.—Rev. George Lewis, of South Berwick.

The Minutes of the Council, are published, with the Annual Statistics of the churches, 405 pps. octavo.

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NECROLOGY.

JOHN ABBOT DOUGLASS, in Waterford, August 8, 1878, æt 86.

Mr. Douglass, the son of William and Abigail Douglass, was born in Portland, Feb. 4, 1792. His preparatory education was acquired at Portland Academy, of which Rev. Edward Payson was Preceptor, and afterwards under Ebenezer Adams, called in 1809 to a Professorship in Dartmouth College. One year was spent in Exeter Academy. He entered Bowdoin College in advance, in 1811, and graduated in 1814. In the spring of 1815, he commenced teaching a school in Portland, continuing three years. He studied for the ministry with Rev. Edward Payson, D. D., and in the fall of 1818, went to Beverly, Mass., to be in the family of Rev. Dr. Abbot, while Dr. A. went South for his health. For two years, he visited the sick in that parish, and provided for the pulpit, though he did not preach himself. Mr. D. was licensed to preach at Danvers, Mass., by the Essex Association, Oct. 12, 1819. He supplied five or six Sabbaths each in West Haverhill, West Newbury, and Shrewsbury, Mass.

He returned to Portland in 1821, and was called to Waterford, April 17, supplying until November 7, 1821, on which day he was ordained pastor, remaining with that people as their beloved and respected pastor, until his death. Mr. D. was the oldest pastor in the State; closing a pastorate of fifty-seven years.

The funeral services were held in the meeting-house on the Sabbath of August 11, conducted by Rev. Nehemiah Lincoln, of North Bridgton, and the acting pastor, Rev. Henry H. Osgood. Sermon by Rev. N. Lincoln, Rev. 14:13. — "Blessed are the dead," &c. A letter was read from Rev. William Warren, D. D., of Gorham, a parishioner of Mr. D.'s for ten years, expressive of his warm, personal attachment for the deceased, and his appreciation of his abilities as preacher and pastor. Among the characteristics mentioned were marked individuality, great culture, and a true conservatism. He never made a show of knowledge; was uniform in character, and always sound in doctrine. His was a gospel ministry. The revivals of 1822, '31, '40, '57, '8, were under his active ministry. His was a ministry free from controversy and discord. Rev. H. H. Osgood read, "The Pastor's Funeral," and offered prayer. Ch. Mir., Aug. 17, 24. Lewiston Journal, Aug. 13.

Seven former ministers have been removed by death. Average age, 80 years.

ASAHEL BIGELOW, in Hancock, N. H., August 16, 1877, æt 80.

Mr. B., the son of Andrew and Sarah (Fassett) Bigelow, was born in Boylston, Mass., May 14, 1797. Grad. Harvard Coll., 1823; Andover Sem., 1826. He preached in North Yarmouth six months in 1827, declining a call to settle. He also preached

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six months in the Second ch., Portland, during the ministry of Dr. Payson, in 1827, '8. Ordained pastor Walpole, Mass., March 12, 1828, remaining twenty-one years; installed, Hancock, N. H., May 15, 1850, continuing as pastor until his death. Ob. W. R. C., Cong., Aug. 29. Statistics, by Rev. H. A. Hazen, Cong. Quar., July, 1878, p. 458.

CHARLES MORGRIDGE, in Boston, October 6, 1877, æt 86.

Mr. M. was born in Litchfield, Me., Aug. 28, 1791; the son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Jackson) Morgridge. He remained with his father and brother on the farm, until arriving at his majority. Having an earnest desire to obtain an education, he studied at Monmouth, Litchfield and Hebron Academies. He was interrupted for a year by impaired eyesight, teaching school for a time in Buckfield, and Preceptor *pro tem.*, in Bridgton Academy, and instructor of a class of thirty boys in Latin and Greek, at Topsham. In 1817, he entered the Sophomore class in Bowdoin College; soon after, leaving to enter upon the work of the ministry, in which he continued for sixty years. Ordained Sept. 4, 1821. His first charge was at Fairhaven, Mass., three years; Portsmouth, N. H., one year; Eastport, two years; Christian church, Summer street, Boston, one year; in 1826, New Bedford, Mass., five years; Portland, two years; then again at New Bedford and Fairhaven. He commenced a Bible Dictionary for the Christian connection, but yielded it to accept the Presidency of Starkey Seminary, New York. From 1857 to 1864, he preached in Cumberland, Lincoln, Franklin, Washington and Oxford Counties. Supplied First Congregational church, Bristol, from Jan. 1, 1850, to Oct. 10, 1853,—and the Second church, Bristol, six months in 1866. He preached in Casco for a time.

As his life had been, so was its close, calm, peaceful and happy, in a firm conviction that all was well with him in his Father's house.—Notice in Vital Statistics, by Rev. H. A. Hazen, Cong. Quar., July, 1878, p. 448.

DANA CLAYES, in Wakefield, Mass., October 30, 1877, æt. 85.

Mr. C. was born in Framingham, Mass., October 3, 1792; the son of Peter and Mary (Nixon) Clayes.—Grad. Middlebury, C., 1815, Andover S., 1820. Ordained in Plainfield, Meriden Parish, N. H., July 4, 1821, dis. Oct. 17, 1837. In 1838, he went to Hopkinton, Mass., and afterwards to Merrimac, N. H., where he received a call to settle, but went to Portland, Me., where he was acting pastor of the Bethel church, from 1839 to 1842. After that, he was for ten years laboring chiefly under a commission from the Maine Missionary Society. In 1843, '4 at North Augusta, Vassalboro, Bremen, Washington and Sebasticook; 1844, '5, '6, in Sidney, Windsor, Union and Jefferson; 1845, Norridgewock; 1847, '8, in Mercer and Industry; 1848, in Starks; 1849, Richmond; 1849, '50, three months each year in Swanville; 1850, June to December in Mt. Desert. From 1858 to 1865, he was at West Danvers Mass., in the employ of the Massachusetts Missionary Society. Since that time, only occasionally preaching. His residence from 1851, has been at South Reading, (now Wakefield) Mass. Notice also in Cong. Quarterly, July, 1878, p. 441, Vital Statistics, by Rev. H. A. Hazen.

JOHN ADAMS VINTON, in Winchester, Mass., November 13, 1877, æt 77.

Mr. V., the son of Dea. Josiah and Betsey Snow (Giles) Vinton, was born in Boston, Mass., February 5, 1801. He studied in Phillips Academy, (Exeter, N. H.);

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from 1823. Grad. Dartmouth C., 1828, Andover, S., 1831. He went to Bloomfield, Me., (now Skowhegan,) and labored five months in a revival of religion, during which the membership of the church doubled. Ordained pastor in New Sharon, May 16, 1832, dismissed Nov. 11, 1834. Acting pastor in Exeter, from March 29, 1835; installed pastor, July 1, 1835; dis. Oct. 11, 1836. He was employed a portion of the time in 1834, '5, '6, by the Maine Missionary Society, to labor occasionally in the counties of Kennebec, Penobscot, Piscataquis, and Somerset. He was at Waterville in 1834; Garland, Guilford and Monson, in 1835. In the latter place he received a call to settle among them, but he went to Exeter. In November, 1836, he received a call to Castine, and the same day to Chatham, Mass. The latter he accepted, remaining there to Nov., 1838. He preached in Kingston, Stoneham, and other towns in Mass., until Dec., 1839; in West Randolph, Vt., 1840, '1; Williamstown, Vt., 1842, '3; teacher in Hanover, N. H., from 1845. In 1847, he supplied again for a short time, at Waterville, Me., and the First church in Bristol, from Jan. 1, 1848, to Dec. 30, 1849.

From April, 1852, to July, 1870, he resided in South Boston, Mass., preaching occasionally, but devoting himself to literary and historical pursuits. During this time, he edited and published seven historical works, and wrote many articles for the Am. Bd. C. F. M., and the religious periodical press. A weak voice, a slender physical frame, and much sickness in his family, compelled him to retire almost wholly from the good work which from childhood he preferred above all others, and in which he found the highest enjoyment, that of preaching the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. He has resided at Winchester, Mass., from July, 1870, confined most of the time to the house, though enabled to use his pen.

Notice of Mr. V.'s residence and labors at Exeter, in Lewiston Journal, Me., Nov. 27, 1877. Also in Cong. Quarterly, July 1878, p. 456, by Rev. H. A. Hazen.

ELKANAH WALKER, in Forest Grove, Oregon, November 21, 1877, æt 72.

Mr. W., son of Jeremiah and Jane (Marston) Walker, was born in North Yarmouth, August 7, 1805. Under the preaching of Rev. James Carruthers, at North Yarmouth, in 1831, he was converted. His preparatory studies were pursued at the Kimball Union Acadamy, Meriden, N. H., 1832—4. Graduated from Bangor Seminary in 1837. After supplying for a short time at Sebago and Baldwin, he received an appointment to a mission among the Zulus, South Africa, but in an emergency, it was changed to the Indians in Oregon. He was ordained in Brewer, Feb. 14, 1838, and went on the sixth of March, 1838, with Rev. C. Eells, to the Flat-head, or Spokane Indians. Here he continued to labor with indefatigable diligence among them, until his death. His residence was at Forest Grove, from Nov., 1849. He was Trustee of the Tualatin Academy, and Pacific University, from 1867; president of the Oregon Bible Society, from 1870—'75. Two of his sons remain in that field, and one is a Missionary of the Am. Bd. in China. A funeral discourse was preached by Rev. G. H. Atkinson, D. D. It was published, at Portland, Oregon. 8 pp. 8 vo. Notice in Cong. Quar., July, 1878, p. 457, Vital Statistics, by Rev. H. A. Hazen.

SILAS MCKEEN, in Bradford, Vt., December 10, 1877, æt 86.

Dr. McK., the son of David and Margaret (McPherson) McKeen, was born in Corinth, Vt., March 16, 1791. He studied in the Scientific and Classical Academy,

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Haverhill, N. H., and with Rev. Wm. Pickles, Corinth, Vt. In 1812 he was prepared to enter college, two years in advance, but was prevented by a severe sickness. It was during this illness, he was led to consecrate himself to the service of Christ. He studied Theology with Rev. Stephen Fuller, Vershire, Vt. Was licensed to preach by the Orange Association, at Windsor, Vt., July 14, 1814. Ordained pastor, Bradford, Vt., in 1815, Oct. 28, dis. 1827, Oct. 29. After supplying the church in Royalston, Vt., a few months, he was again installed pastor at Bradford, in 1828, Jan. 17; dis. 1832, Dec. 31. Installed pastor in Belfast, Me., 1833, Feb. 27, dis. 1841, Nov. 16. He returned to Vermont, and was installed pastor in Bradford, in 1842, May 25; dis. 1866, Dec. 21. From 1867 to 1873, he supplied the church in Fairlee, Vt., on alternate Sabbaths. The degree of A. M., was conferred on him by Dartmouth College in 1822, and by the University of Vermont in 1828. The degree of S. T. D., by Dartmouth, in 1860.

In an address by Rev. L. H. Elliot, pastor of the church in Bradford, which was published, Dr. McK. is referred to as prompt; of great diligence and perseverance; of great decision, and steadfastness of character; of very tender sympathies, and warm affections; as a Christian, and minister of the Gospel, thoroughly biblical and evangelical; of strong faith; a man of prayer; having great love for the souls of men, and most earnestly desirous for their salvation.

Rev. Stephen Thurston, of Searsport, writes of him,—"As a counseller, judicious and safe. As a friend, true as steel. As a theologian, profound. As a reformer, both conservative and progressive. As a preacher, instructive and impressive, aiming to reach the soul through the understanding and conscience, rather than by an appeal to the passions."

A sermon preached by Dr. McKeen, at the meeting of General Conference at Winthrop, in 1830, entitled "Triumph of Christ's enemies," was published that year. He was then present as Delegate from Vermont. He preached the Conference sermon at the meeting at Saco, in 1838, and the opening sermon at the session of Conference at Machias, in 1841. He also made the report of the Visiting Committee to the Bangor Theological Seminary, that year. Trustee of the Maine Missionary Society, from 1840, '42.

Rev. A. Willey, published reminiscences of Dr. McKeen, in Ch. Mirror, Feb. 23. Notice in Cong. Quarterly, by Wm. S. Palmer, with a portrait, July, 1878, p. 381,—400,—and Vital Statistics by Rev. H. A. Hazen, p. 447.

SETH SWEETSER, in Worcester, Mass., on the Sabbath, March 24, 1878, æt 71.

The native place of Dr. S. was at Newburyport, Mass., b. 1807, March 15. He studied at Newburyport Academy, and prepared for college under the instruction of Rev. Leonard Withington. Graduated at Harvard, in 1827. Engaged two years in teaching in Livingston County High School, at Genesee, N. Y., and two years following, as tutor in Harvard College, and was connected with the college as tutor, examiner, or overseer, continually, except for a short interval. He graduated at Andover Sem., in 1834, and was afterwards one of its Trustees.—He was also on the board of Trustees of Phillips Academy, and corporate member of the Am. Bd. C. F. M. He received the degree of D. D., from Amherst College, in 1852.

Mr. S. supplied at Gardiner, Me., in 1833, during the vacation of his senior year at Andover. After he graduated, he continued to supply at Gardiner, and was the first pastor of the church, which was organized in July, 1835. The ordination took

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place in the new church edifice, Nov. 23, 1836. In 1838, Nov. 8, he was dismissed, and was installed pastor of the Central church, Worcester, Mass., Dec. 19, 1838, remaining its pastor until his death.

In 1870, he received an injury to the spine, and has failed from that time; and within the past year, has suffered from pulmonary disease. "His piety, good deeds, and wise counsels, will be held in lasting and loving remembrance."

Notice, by H. T. Cheever, in Ch. Mir., March 30; I. N. Tarbox, in Cong'list, Apr. 3; L. A., in Ch. Union, Apr. 3.

ADDITIONAL NOTICES.

JOHN BOYNTON.—(Record, Minutes, 1876, p. 93,) in Congregational Quarterly, January, 1878, p. 57, by Augusta Moore.

ALVAN JONES BATES, (Minutes, 1877, p. 67.) Notice in Bangor papers, July 30, 31, 1877, and Worcester Spy. A memorial service, was held in the church, at Saundersville, Mass., of which he was pastor, Aug. 5. The Worcester South Conference, at their session in Millbury, Mass., Oct. 24, 1877, adopted resolutions in memory of Mr. B.—Notice in Vital Statistics, by H. A. Hazen, Cong. Quart'y, July, 1878, p. 439.

Reference to Jotham Sewall, and Mighill Blood, by Rev. Chas. S. Sinnett, in Ch. Mir., Aug. 11; to John S. C. Abbot, (Minutes, 1877, p. 67,) by Edward Abbot, Ch. Mir., Sept. 15. Reminiscences of Edward Payson, D. D., by John Hemmenway, Ch. Mir., Oct. 13. In memoriam of Thomas C. Upham, by Helen C. Hooper, Ch. Mir., Feb. 9, 1878.

SEWALL PAINE, and JOSEPH UNDERWOOD. (Minutes, 1877, pp. 66, 67.) In Minutes of Vermont, pp. 57, 58, 1877. Also of Sewall Paine, John S. C. Abbott, John M. Stowe, (Minutes, 1877, p. 71), in Cong. Quar., July, 1878, pp. 438, 450, 455, by Rev. H. A. Hazen, in "Vital Statistics";—of Rev. John M. Stowe, by D. F., in Cong. Quar., July, 1878, p. 466.

ASA DODGE SMITH, D. D., LL. D., in Hanover, N. H., August 16, 1877, æt 73.

Dr. Smith was born in Amherst, N. H., Sept. 21, 1804. Grad. Dartmouth College, in 1830. The year following, he was Preceptor of the Academy in Limerick, Me., and went from thence to Andover Seminary, where he graduated in 1834. Ordained pastor of Brainerd Pres. ch., (afterwards the Fourteenth st. Pr. ch.,) from which he went in 1863, to the Presidency of Dartmouth College, which office he resigned in 1877. Notice in Cong. Quar., July, 1878, p. 452, by Rev. H. A. Hazen.

JOHN H. M. DOW, in Haverhill, Mass., June 25, 1878, æt 65.

Mr. D. was born in Atkinson, N. H., March 8, 1813. He preached in the Methodist churches in Providence, Pawtucket, R. I., Dover, N. H., and on the Cape, afterwards for about four years, in the Mariners' church, Boston. In 1876 he was in Maine, and labored as an Evangelist in several places. In December of that year, he was instrumental in forming the church in Somesville, (Mt. Desert).

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REPORTS.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Rev. Stephen L. Bowler, of Machias, Committee on Sabbath schools, presented the following report:

In this department of our work, if we look for signs of progress, it is easy to find them.

1st. As to the numbers engaged in Bible study. Our Sabbath school membership at the present time is about 21,000. Previous to the year 1852, no record appears to have been made for the use of this Conference relating in any way to the condition of our Sunday-schools. Subsequent to the year 1852, the records indicate a continued gain in membership until 1869—a period of 17 years. Our Sabbath school membership at that time was 22,713. Then came a period of diminution, and owing to western emigration and the war of the rebellion, the number of our pupils in Sabbath schools was diminished in a short time nearly 10 per cent. And now it may be said, that for the last few years, our numbers have steadily increased again. And this increase comes with new signs of stability and strength.

For, 2dly; we have other evidences of progress in recent years, indicated in a more diligent and a more faithful study of the Word. The present system of uniform lessons—the multiplication of hand-books, maps, charts, lesson-leaves—the issue of weeklies, monthlies, and quarterlies, as lesson helps, and of review papers for securing greater thoroughness in Bible study, the eagerness with which this new periodical literature is purchased and put into use; all these are significant facts and are to be reckoned among the signs of the times. The need of Bible study is being felt in these days much more than in former years. Hence the enlargement of the work, both in breadth and depth. Taking into account our improved methods, together with our increased activity, survey the thrift and prosperity of our Sunday-schools as we find them in this year of grace 1878, and as compared with their condition twenty years ago, and we may look in vain to find any other department of Christian

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effort that has been as productive. We have some croakers among us perched in high places trying to prove the Sabbath school work a failure. They raise their puny arms in opposition, but what can they do to stay "the uprising of a great people" eager to engage in this sacred study? What can they do when whole Christian communities are moving toward the word of God as toward the fountain where they may drink and be satisfied?

As an agency for *mission work*, our Sunday-schools have made some progress. We have more and better mission schools than in former years, and their importance is beginning to be better appreciated. But there is urgent need of extending this branch of the Sunday-school work more broadly. There are regions in this large state of Maine where darkness covers the land and gross darkness the people. There are towns and plantations where there are no churches, no Sunday-schools, no regular religious instruction; where there are people who do not know what the gospel is.

There are children in these places for whom Christ died, who know nothing about the way to be saved. Plant Sunday schools in these remote towns, and they will at once become as water-springs in the desert —so many fountains of life. There is no substitute for God's truth, and there is no better way of making it known to the rising race, than by means of Sunday school instruction. For efficiency in pioneer work, for adaptation to new settlements, there is no other organization that can take its place. For this reason, as well as others, the hope is cherished that the Maine Missionary Society will soon be able to take hold of the Sunday-school work, and make it an efficient branch of its regular service; for we know that Bible truth is fundamental to all religious growth. The word of God precedes all true spiritual life. There is no gain in Christian might, except as we get it from the word of God and the Spirit of God. Let the whole people be lifted up in Scriptural knowledge, so shall the entire cause be lifted up into prosperity and strength.

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REPORT OF THE VISITING COMMITTEE TO THE BANGOR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, 1878.

Your committee would respectfully submit the following report:

As far as your committee could judge, the Seminary is in a most prosperous condition.

After a faithful attendance of all the examinations, they were unanimous in the opinion that all of the classes gave evidence of careful instruction and honest work.

The classes in exegesis bore witness that the Word had not been read in vain during the past year. Not only has the professor in this department admirably performed the special duties of his chair, but he has also found time during the past year to give considerable attention to doctrinal points, connected with the passages read. By this blending of dogmatics with exegesis, the students have gained much advantage. The classes in homiletics showed that they had profited during the past year by the careful instruction and ripe scholarship of their professor. It is to be regretted that any of the valuable time of the Seminary course must be devoted, as now seems necessary, to the study of rhetoric and logic in this department, as well as that all the students in exegesis are not able to study the Scriptures in the original tongues. These defects, however, will doubtless be remedied as the grade of the Seminary is raised, and then it will be possible to devote all the time to studies strictly germain to the theological course.

With the examinations in church history your committee was more than pleased.

It has evidently, during the past year, been made a live study, with bearings upon the thought and controversy of the present time, and the enthusiasm of the professor seems to have been communicated to the students.

The students also acquitted themselves creditably for the most part in the examination in systematic theology.

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The friends of the Seminary are to be congratulated that the services of Dr. Hamlin have been secured for another year in this chair. The worth of the clear, positive instruction and free discussion of the past year cannot well be over-estimated.

The public exercises of graduation were well sustained as a general thing by the students.

If the committee might make a stricture, where such general excellence prevailed, they would suggest that the subjects were not all entirely suited to the anniversary of a Theological Seminary, and that more attention might properly be paid to elocution in some cases, especially to vigor and earnestness of delivery.

The committee is much pleased to be able to report that the standard of the Seminary is gradually being raised.

No students who are not college graduates are now admitted without a thorough examination.

In view of the alleged liberal tendencies of the times, and of the demand for a highly educated and truly Christian ministry, in view also of the present extreme scarcity of money, the committee suggest that great care should be taken in admitting to the use of the beneficiary funds only those who are firm in their attachment to the fundamental truths of the gospel, and who are likely to prove useful in the ministry.

The buildings, during the past year, have been put in thorough repair. Several thousand dollars have been spent upon Main Hall, which has been renovated in every part.

The financial condition of the Seminary is most encouraging. The financial committee have so wisely invested the funds, that on an average, the $170,000 invested by them still yields nearly 7 per cent. interest. Surely this is a remarkable statement to make in these days of depression of business and shrinkage of values. May the God of all grace continue to prosper Bangor Seminary in the future as He has prospered her in the past.

In behalf of the committee,

FRANK E. CLARK,
HERBERT A. LORING,
O. W. ROGERS.

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TRUSTEES OF THE BANGOR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

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Rev. Benjamin Tappan, D. D., of Norridgewock, *Vice-President*.....1868
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Dea. Samuel David Thurston, of Bangor, *Treasurer and General Agent*.....1873
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FACULTY.

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Rev. JOHN SMITH SEWALL, D.D., FOGG Professor of Sacred Rhetoric and Oratory 1875
Rev. CYRUS HAMLIN, D. D., BUCK Professor of Christian Theology, and Lecturer of Pastoral Duties (*pro tem.*).....1877

Term commences Sept. 19, 1878,—fifteen weeks from the Anniversary,—which is held on the Thursday following the first Wednesday in June. Examination of classes, and Society addresses, on Tuesday and Wednesday previous.

THE FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SEMINARY....1878.

June 3.—*Monday Evening.*—Anniversary of the Rhetorical Society.—Four orations by two members each, of the Junior and Middle classes.

June 4.—9 *A. M., in the chapel.*—Examination of the Junior class in Biblical literature, by Prof. Talcott. 11 *A. M.*, of the Middle class in Church History, Prof. Paine. 2 *P. M.*, of the Senior class in Homiletics, Prof. Sewall. 3:30 *P. M.*, Senior class in Church History, Prof. Paine, followed by the Junior class in Mental Philosophy, Prof. Hamlin.

Evening.—Address before the Rhetorical Society at the First church, by Rev. Wm. H. Fenn, of Portland.—Theme—The Elements of Pulpit Power. Devotional exercises, by Rev. I. P. Warren, D. D., of Portland, and the preacher.

June 5.—*Wednesday* 8 *A. M.*—ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES.—9 *A. M.* Examination of the Junior class in Rhetoric, Prof. Sewall; 10 *A. M.*, of the Middle class in Theology, Prof. Hamlin.

3 *P. M.*—ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ALUMNI, in Hammond Street Church.—Henry V. Emmons, (1850) *President;* James H. Crosby, (1865) *Vice-President;*

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John S. Sewall, D. D., (1858) *Secretary;* Rev. Geo. W. Field, D. D, (1846) of Bangor, Herbert A. Loring, (1875) of Foxcroft, *Executive Committee.* Discussion on the attitude of the Ministry toward Modern Science and Philosophy.

Rev. Elkanah Walker, (Alumni, 1837,) died in Forest Grove, Oregon, Nov. 21, 1877, æt 72. (Notice on p. 81).

The Alumni are proposing to endow a POND Professorship in Armenia College.—Additions to the fund may be sent to Rev. Cyrus Hamlin, D. D., Bangor, or Arthur W. Tufts, Treasurer, 134 State st., Boston, Mass.

Wednesday Evening.—Graduating exercises of the Senior class—numbering ten—six of whom delivered addresses. Devotional exercises, by Rev. Drs. E. Pond, S. Tenney, and C. Hamlin. Singing, by a quartette. Last hymn, by the congregation.

Professor John S. Sewall, D. D., left New York, June 8, 1878, in the steam-ship Bolivia, for Glasgow, arriving June 18. Will return by the Devonia, Aug. 18.

Professor Levi L. Paine, D. D., left New York, July 6, 1878, in the steam-ship Anchoria, for Glasgow, arriving July 16. They will visit Switzerland, the Rhine, England and France.

BOWDOIN COLLEGE, BRUNSWICK.

Incorporated June 24, 1794.

FACULTY.

JOSHUA LAWRENCE CHAMBERLAIN, LL. D., *President,* and Edward Little Professor of Mental and Moral Philosophy.

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HENRY JOHNSON, A. M., Instructor in Modern Languages.

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SAMUEL VALENTINE COLE, Instructor in Latin.
ERASTUS EUGENE HOLT, M. D., Demonstrator of Anatomy.
STEPHEN J. YOUNG, A. M., Treasurer.
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Fall Term commences Thursday, Sept. 27, 1878. Commencement Day, Thursday July 10, 1879.

The Reading-room is fully furnished with newspapers and magazines, and it is now a first-class Reading-room.

The "Praying Circle" of the College was instituted July 22, 1815, and meets Sabbath morning. These meetings are open to all who desire to attend. The object of this association is: "The religious edification of its members, the promotion of vital godliness in the College, and prayer for the universal spread of the gospel."

Commencement morning, a prayer-meeting was held under direction of the Bowdoin Praying Circle. The interest attending this meeting, justifies it as a permanent arrangement.

BACCALAUREATE DISCOURSE, July 7, 1877, by Rev. Prof. Alpheus S. Packard, D.D., —Prov. 16: 6. "By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the Lord, men depart from evil." Loyalty to principle. The true way to purify the heart and life from iniquity is not by repression merely, but by the cultivation of the opposite virtues.

Monday, July 8.—Junior prize exhibition.

Tuesday, July 9.—Class Day, A. M., in the church; evening, in the grove, with illuminations.

Wednesday, July 10.—Seventy-second anniversary of the Alumni. Address by Rev. William H. Savage, (Alumnus 1858,) theme,—Has a man a right to be religious?

P. M.—Annual meeting of the Phi Beta Kappa.—Address by Hon. Joseph White Symonds, (Alumnus 1860). Theme,—Nathaniel Hathorne, (Alumnus 1825,* 1864)

Evening.—Concert.—Miss Cary, Miss Lewis, Temple Quartette Club, and Mendelssohn Quintette Club.

Thursday, July 11.—Graduating exercises of the Senior Class. Ten addresses for the degree of B. A. and B. S., and two for the degree of A. M. Dinner at Memorial Hall, and speeches by Gov. Conner and others. President Chamberlain being absent in Europe, Hon. J. C. Dodge, of Boston, President of the Board of Overseers, presided. Reception at Professor Packard's, in the evening.

Friday, July 12.—Meeting of the Maine Historical Society.

HALLOWELL CLASSICAL AND SCIENTIFIC ACADEMY.

Incorporated February 8, 1872.

That the School is fulfilling to the fullest extent, the wishes and aims of its founders, cannot be questioned, and its effort will be to attain to still higher excellence. No scholar of either sex need seek out of the State, for a school of the highest order.

The Anniversary exercises were held July 8, 9, 1878. The Address on Monday evening, was delivered by Rev. George R. Merrill, of Biddeford. His theme,—"The Harmonies of Science and Religion."

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On Tuesday afternoon, the Graduating exercises were held. Nine Orations and Essays. The Diplomas were presented with appropriate remarks, by the President, Hon. James G. Blaine. Miss Drummond, the Principal of the Ladies' Department, is to be absent in Europe, for a few months. Report of Anniversary in Ch. Mir., July 13,1878.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Hon. James G. Blaine, Augusta, *President;* *Simon Page, Esq., Hallowell *Vice President;* Rev. H. F. Harding, Hallowell, *Secretary*; Hon. Joseph Nye, Augusta, *Treasurer.*

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INSTRUCTORS.

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————————English Studies.
Miss Augusta M. Gardiner, Piano and Vocal Music.
Miss Sarah H. Allen, Drawing and Painting.
Miss Anna T. Lincoln, Matron of Ladies' Boarding Hall.
Miss H. F. Charles, Matron of Gentlemen's Boarding Hall.

Equipments.—A suitable boarding-house has been provided for the accommodation of the young men, while the large and elegant building recently erected, will be appropriated to the use of the young ladies. The building is lighted by gas and heated by steam throughout, furnished with bathing-rooms, and abundantly supplied with pure spring water. The Scientific Department is furnished with new and extensive apparatus.

The lady principal resides in the hall with the young ladies, and has special supervision of their deportment; while the assistant male teacher lives in the young men's boarding hall, and has the same care over its inmates.

The school year is divided into three terms; the fall, consisting of twelve; the winter, of fourteen; and the spring term of thirteen weeks.

For further information address the Principal, or the Secretary, Rev. H. F. Harding, Hallowell, Me.

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BIBLE SOCIETIES IN MAINE.

BIBLE SOCIETIES.	PLACE OF DEPOSITORY.	BY WHOM KEPT.
Androscoggin County	Lewiston	Douglass & Cook.
Aroostook County	Houlton	John McMasters.
Bangor Young Men's	Bangor	E. F. Duren.
Brunswick	Brunswick	Jordan Snow.
Bucksport, union	Bucksport	Rev. W. H. Pillsbury.
Castine, &c., union	Castine	Samuel Adams.
Deer Isle	Deer Isle	H. R. Haskell.
Eastern Maine Association	Bluehill	Mrs. Thomas.
Franklin County	Farmington	Charles A. Allen.
Hancock and Union River	Ellsworth	J. W. Jones.
Kennebec County	Augusta	David Cargill.
Lincoln County	Bath	Henry A. Chandler.
Lincoln County	Boothbay	D. W. Sawyer.
Maine	Portland	James Noyes.
Mt. Desert	South-West Harbor	Mrs. N. C. Clark.
Oxford Conference	South Paris	H. N. Bolster.
Piscataquis County	Dover	M. W. Hall.
Saco	Saco	C. O. Gerrish.
Somerset County	Skowhegan	A. R. Bixby.
Union Conference	Bridgton	B. C. Storer.
Waldo County	Belfast	Charles W. Haney.
Warren	Warren	I. P. Starrett.
Washington County	Dennysville	William Allen.
Washington County	Nine other towns	See p. 67, Min. 1875.
York County	Alfred	William G. Conant.

Rev. William H. Gilbert, Superintendent for A. B. S., in New England, P. O. address, 86 York street, New Haven, Conn.

WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS—MAINE BRANCH.

ORGANIZED NOVEMBER 12, 1873.

President.—Mrs. William H. Fenn, 39 Deering St., Portland.

Vice-Presidents.—Aroostook Conference—Mrs. George B. Page, Houlton.

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Home Secretary.—Miss Maria D. Gould, 148 Pearl St., Portland.

Treasurer.—Mrs. Woodbury S. Dana, 42 High St., Portland.

Auditor.—Mr. Edward Gould, Portland.

Sixty-three auxiliaries were reported in Minutes last year, page 74. Two have been organized this year at Acton, Calais, and Milltown, and five Mission Circles. Whole number of auxiliaries, sixty-five. Mission Circles, thirty-eight.

Receipts for the year, $3003.81.

Meeting of the State Auxiliary, in Auburn, June 26, 1878, (see page 27).

The pledged work for the year entered upon, is the support of the school at Mardin, Eastern Turkey Mission,—Mrs. Andrus, Miss Sears, and Miss Pratt, teachers; the school at Badesag, Western Turkey Mission, Miss Farnham, teacher; and the school at Umzumbi, South Africa, under the care of Mrs. Bridgman, Miss Pinkerton, and Miss Welch.

The sum of $900, appropriated by the W. B. M., for the erection of a building for the boarding school, the Umzumbi Home, and adopted by the Maine Branch, has nearly all been raised by Mission Circles. The general work, receives the balance of receipts.

CONGREGATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF THE UNITED STATES.—Organized Nov. 17, 1871. Meets Triennially.

Met in Oberlin, Nov. 17, 1871—New Haven, Sept. 30, 1874, Detroit, Oct. 17, 1877

Alabama, Gen. Con. of Cong'l Churches,		
California, General Association,	Petaluma,	Oct. 3, 1878
Colorado, Association of Cong'l Churches,		
Connecticut, General Association,	East Hartford,	June 17, 1879
Connecticut, General Conference,	New Britian,	Nov. 12, 1878
Dakota, Congregational Association,	Bon Homme,	Oct. 17, 1878
Illinois, General Association,	Princeton,	May 26, 1879
Indiana, Gen. Asso. of Cong'l Chs. & Minis'rs	Terre Haute,	May 15, 1879
Iowa, General Association,	Grinnell,	June 4, 1879
Kansas, Gen. Asso. of Cong'l Chs. & Minis'rs,	Ottawa,	June 4, 1879
Kentucky, State Asso. of Christian Churches and Ministers		
Lousiana, South-western Conference,		Jan. 8, 1870
Massachusetts, Gen. Asso. of Cong'l Chs.,	Worcester, Salem St. Ch.,	June 17, 1879
Michigan, General Association,	Grand Rapids,	May 21, 1879
Minnesota, Gen. Cong'l Conference,	Mankato,	Oct. 10, 1878
Missouri, Gen. Asso. of the Cong'l Chs.,	Kansas City,	Oct. 17, 1878
Nebraska, Congregational Association,	Fremont,	Oct. 23, 1878
New Hampshire, General Association	Concord, South Church,	Sept. 10, 1878
New Jersey, General Association,	Vineland,	Oct. 8, 1878
New York, General Association,	Oswego,	Oct. 15, 1878
Ohio, Congregational Conference,	Cincinnati, Vine St. Ch.,	May 6, 1879
Oregon, Congregational Association,		June 19, 1879
Rhode Island, Congregational Conference,		June 10, 1879

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Texas, S. W. Congregational Association,..Schulenburg,.....July 24, 1879
Vermont, Gen. Conv. of Cong'l Min'rs & Chs, Burlington,.....June 10, 1879
Wisconsin, Cong'l and Pres. Convention,...Waukesha,.....Sept. 26, 1878
District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia, in New Jersey Gen. Association.
Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee and Mississippi;—The Central South Conference.
Chattanooga, Tennessee,...Nov. 7, 1878
Nevada, in General Association of California.
Pennsylvania, Welsh Congregational Association, of Eastern Pennsylvania, in Kingston, Sept., 1878.—Welsh Cong'l Asso. of Western Pennsylvania, in Johnston, Sept., 1878.
Washington Territory, in Oregon Association.
West Virginia, in Ohio Conference.
Wyoming, in Colorado Association.
Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick,
Yarmouth, N. S.,.....Sept. 7, 1878
Congregational Union of Victoria and Quebec, in Kingston, Ont., June 5, 1879.
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CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETIES.

The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.—Treasurer, Langdon S. Ward, Cong'l House, Boston. Missionary Herald, $1.10 a year.

Secretaries of the American Board.—Rev. N. G. Clark, D. D., and Rev. E. K. Alden, D. D., Boston.

District Secretary.—Rev. William Warren, D. D., Gorham.

Annual meeting of the Board, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Oct. 1, 1878, 3 P. M.

Woman's Board of Missions.—Mrs. Albert Bowker, *President;* Miss A. B. Child, *Home Secretary;* Mrs. B. E. Bates, *Treasurer.* "Life and Light for Women," monthly, 60 cents. Rooms 1 and 2, Congregational House, Boston.

The American Missionary Association.—Contributions may be sent to Rev. C. L. Woodworth, *Sec'y*, No. 21 Congregational House, Boston. Fifty cents a year sent to H. W. Hubbard, *Assistant Treasurer*, 59 Reade street, New York, pays for the American Missionary Magazine;—published monthly.

Rev. M. E. Strieby, D. D., 59 Reade street, New York, *Secretary;* Rev. S. Thurston, D. D., *Vice-President* from Maine.

Annual meeting in Taunton, Mass., Oct. 29—31, 1878.

The remarks which Rev. Lewis Grout made before the Conference, on the American Missionary Association, referred to on page 14, are published with additions, in Ch. Mir., July 20.

American Congregational Association, Congregational House, No. 1 Somerset st., Boston, Mass.

For information, or remittances for the Congregational House, or gifts to the Congregational Library, address Rev. Isaac P. Langworthy, D. D., *Cor. Sec.*, &c., Boston, Mass.

Vice-Presidents for Maine, Hon. W. W. Thomas, Portland; Hon Nelson Dingley, jr., Lewiston.

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The American Congregational Union,—Rev. William B. Brown, D. D., *Cor. Sec'y;* Prof. N. A. Calkins, *Treasurer*, No. 59 Bible House, New York City.

Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D., of Bath, *Vice-President* from Maine.

Appropriated to Maine for church building, $5,490.94, including specials.

The Congregational Publishing Society. Establishes and aids Sabbath Schools, supplies Libraries and Tracts in home missionary fields. George P. Smith, Agent, Congregational House, Boston, Mass. Well Spring and Missionary Echo, published weekly, 65 cents per year.

Rev. Edward Y. Hincks, of Portland, *Vice-President* from Maine.

The Society for Collegiate and Theological Education, and the *American Education Society*, are now united under the name of the *American College and Educational Society.* Aids in planting Christian Colleges in the new States, nine institutions; also aids students to the Christian Ministry. Rev. I. N. Tarbox, D. D., *Cor. Secretary*, No. 32 Congregational House, Boston; James M. Gordon, *Treasurer*, Boston.

The American Home Missionary Society, Bible House, Astor Place, New York City. Revs. D. B. Coe, D. D., and H. M. Storrs, D. D., *Secretaries;* Rev. A. H. Clapp, D. D., *Treasurer.* The Home Missionary, published monthly at sixty cents per year.

The Congregational Quarterly is published at No. 20, Congregational House, corner Beacon and Somerset streets, Boston—$2.10 per year.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF MAINE.

Object–Spiritual, Mental and Moral Improvement. The Means:—Religious Meetings, Sunday-Schools, Social Gatherings, Reading-Room. Lectures, Library, The Press.

Organizations in the following places: Auburn, Bath, Biddeford, Boothbay, Bridgton, Brownfield, Bucksport, Cherryfield, Ellsworth, Houlton, Lewiston, Machias, Machiasport, Portland, Rockland, Saco, Searsport, Union, Vinalhaven, Waterville, Winthrop, and York Co. "The Helping Hand," a monthly paper is published at Portland, as the organ of the Associations.

Twelve State Conventions have been held. Three series of Union Gospel Meetings have been sustained.

Any information in regard to Associations, their object, organization, work, etc., furnished free on application, to W. H. Hobbs, *Corresponding Secretary*, Portland.

Thanksgiving Day, State and National, November 29, 1877.

State Fast, April 11. 1878.

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AVERAGE MINISTERIAL AGE.

Average ministerial age of 181 ordained ministers now in the State, 20 years; of 48 who have no pastoral charge, 34 years; of the others, (133) 15½ years.

Of the ordained ministers, seven have been in the ministry from 52 to 63 years, average 57 years; sixteen, from 41 to 50 years, average 44 years; twenty-one, from 31 to 40 years, average, 36 years; thirty-two, from 21 to 30 years, average, 26 years; forty-one, from 11 to 20 years, average, 16 years; sixty-four, from 1 to 11 years, average, 4¼ years.

Average time of settlement of sixty-two, over the churches of which they are now pastors, 7¼ years; these have been in the ministry, average, 12½ years each. Average time of settlement of seventy-one acting pastors, all of whom are ordained ministers, 4¼ years; these have been in the ministry, average 18 years each.

IN THE SEVERAL CONFERENCES.

The first column of figures, gives the number of ministers in each Conference; the second, average number of years of ordination; the third, number of pastors; the fourth, average number of years in the pastorate; the fifth, average number of years in the ministry; the sixth, number of acting pastors; the seventh, average number of years as such; the eighth, average number of years in the ministry.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
CONFERENCES.	No. of Min'rs.	Av.Ministerial Age.	Pastors	Ave'ge No. of years.	Av.Ministerial Age.	Acting Pastors	Ave'ge No. of years.	Av.Ministerial Age.
Aroostook	5	13	1	1	1	2	1	19
Cumberland	43	18	18	8	14	14	3	14
Franklin	10	19	3	1	1	2	3	15
Hancock	10	20	3	3	3	5	2	16
Kennebec	10	20	3	7	7	4	10	24
Lincoln and Sagadahoc	15	18	8	9	19	6	4	13
Oxford	11	21	2	15	15	7	5	17
Penobscot	16	21	5	6	12	3	1	14
Piscataquis	9	17	4	10	12	4	10	18
Somerset	7	27	1	20	40	4	12	22
Union	10	19	4	16	18	4	2	15
Waldo	8	27	4	4	4	0	0	0
Washington	6	24	1	18	18	4	2	17
York	21	24	5	3	4	12	5	25
Fourteen.	181	20.	62	7¼	12½	71	4¼	18

GENERAL CONFERENCE.

The return of the Churches to be made up to, and include the first Sabbath in May of each year,—to be forwarded to the Scribe of the County or Local Conference, during the *week following*. The Report of the Local Conference, to be forwarded by the Reporter, or Scribe, to the Corresponding Secretary of the General Conference, on or before the first day of June. (See page 124 of the Minutes for 1871).

***The Constitution and Rules may be found on pages 2, 3 Minutes for 1876.

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The Gospel which the Apostles Preached.

Acts 5: 42.—And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

Mark tells us that just before his ascension, Jesus commanded his apostles, thus, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." It is a legitimate historical inquiry to ask what these men preached when they went forth in obedience to this command? what were the facts and elements of the gospel they proclaimed? This inquiry is all the more interesting to the searcher after truth, for these men revolutionized the society of their day, and that which pervades civilization to-day for the most good, is the gospel they preached. This inquiry is most important to the Christian church, if it would continue to build upon the foundations these builders laid.

Our text gives the first answer to the question, they "ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ." One might select a like text from most any chapter of this book. Philip in Samaria, and in the chariot of the eunuch, preached Jesus; Peter before the thousands at Pentecost, before the Sanhedrim, and to the Gentile Cornelius and his friends, had the same theme; Paul in every city, when cited before kings and rulers, or mid the philosophy of Athens, preached simply Jesus the Christ.

As you studiously turn these chapters, you will discover two other important items. 1. These men in preaching Christ dwelt upon three important facts,—these the center and substance of all their discourses. Begin with the first gospel sermon in the second chapter, "Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: Him being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that he should be holden of it." In these verses we have two of the facts, Jesus Christ *crucified, raised.* Passing to the 32–34 verses, you find the third fact, *ascended,* exalted, therefore Lord and Christ. In the next chapter, in the explanation of the miracle wrought in healing the lame man at the

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gate Beautiful, we have the same three facts, "God hath glorified his Son Jesus, the Prince of life, whom ye killed, and God raised from the dead."

Before the Sanhedrim, as recorded in the next chapter, he reiterates these statements. And here we come upon the word which is the second item in reference to this preaching, the word *salvation*. These men were not mere witnesses to these facts; they bore testimony to them because of the gospel contained in them. In these facts was a thought most important to every man. "This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved." Comparison with other passages shows that this salvation, coming through repentance and conversion on man's part, means, "remission of sins" (2:38,) "sins blotted out" (3: 19,) "every one of you turned from his iniquities" (3: 26).

These passages are examples. The record of the succeeding chapters only varies the men, the places, and the particular form of the word used; everywhere the same thought, testimony, and persuasion. Cornelius led by the vision to send for Peter, to tell him words whereby he and all his house should be saved, received the same message; and Paul, whose work in the church fills the second part of this record, in every city and synagogue reasoned out of the Scriptures, opening and alleging that Christ must needs have suffered and risen again from the dead, and that this Jesus whom I preach unto you is the Christ.

Let us tarry awhile with this latter apostle. Sent out to the Gentile world, coming in contact with its wit and wisdom, its art and scholarship, Paul stands before the church of to-day a most important witness in reference to this inquiry as to foundations. At Athens the apostle was brought face to face with all that is embraced in the word "culture." I wish we could turn back the course of the ages this morning, and stand with Paul in that remarkable city, well styled the "Eye of Greece;" that thus standing we might make real to ourselves those objects by which he was surrounded; that there might dawn upon us the exalted position which Greece and Athens then occupied in the history of the world; that thus we might come in contact with art in its noblest forms and richest munificence; that we might visit the academy and the porch, and other seats of philosophy not less renowned; that we might behold, even then with traces of decay, the highest attainments that the centuries preceding or following have witnessed in all that is embraced in that word culture. Greece stood at the culmination of the three great preceding civilizations

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of the world, and well she bore her part. It was Greece which produced such statesmen as Lycurgus and Solon; such poets as Sophocles and Euripides; such historians as Thucydides and Xenophon. It was here there arose such philosophers as Socrates, and Plato, and Aristotle; Zeno, who founded the Stoics, and Epicurus the head of the sect called by his name. The elegant arts of painting, sculpture and architecture were in Greece carried to a perfection never yet equalled in any other age or country. Phidias wrought here, whose name suggests to all lovers of art the wonder and beauty of the Athenian Minerva, made of ivory and gold, only rivalled by his statute of Jupiter Olympus, reckoned one of the seven wonders of the world.

Amid such surroundings, let us listen for the gospel Paul will present. It was this one theme, Jesus and the resurrection. It was this, not because of the lack of intellectual ability, native or acquired; he could have entered the arena with those philosophers without fear. They placed him in the midst of Mars Hill, "where the most awful court of judicature had sat from time immemorial to pass sentence on the greatest criminals, and to decide the most solemn questions connected with religion;" and there, by that most politic and most wonderful exordium, he leads them to gaze upon the man by whom the world is to be judged in righteousness, and of whom God had "given assurance unto all men in that he hath raised him from the dead." His theme there was, "Christ crucified; unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness; but unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, the power of God and the wisdom of God."

I desire that we emphasize this position of Paul. One of the great theories advanced in opposition to the simplicity of the gospel, perhaps the great substitute proposed, is this: Man's progress in the polite arts, the refinement of civilization, to be the moral purifier, the regenerating influence in the state. And the church itself is tempted to turn from the simplicity of apostolic preaching and teaching, and bow to art and philosophy. Whatever may have been the results of St. Paul's sojourn in Athens, of that interrupted discourse, from it our attention is called to an experiment that ought to end all controversy on these questions; for here we learn what is the highest point to which unassisted human nature can attain, and what points of knowledge and art are necessary to be added, to produce the highest, and the purest, and the most permanent civilization.

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Judaism and heathenism were two grand experiments, two distinct civilizations, two distinct courses of progress in the world's history. The streams divided at the call of Abraham met again in Jesus Christ. Both were prophecies of Christ in that they were insufficient to meet the highest wants of man. Judaism was a religion of types and ceremonials; it was God's repository of himself until the fullness of time should come, and yet with eager hand always reaching out towards that time. Heathenism was religion in its wild growth; man left to himself to try the grand experiment, to discover a remedy for moral imperfection and impurity, how man can satisfy his higher aspirations and be at one with God, at least with God revealed in himself. The culmination of that experiment is presented to us in Greece. It was an experiment fairly tried, as to the time occupied since the dawn of human endeavor, as to the nation and the men who should carry it to its extreme limit. "Here was a culture so wide-reaching that even the common people were students of philosophy and accomplished critics of art. * * * Not only smiths and tanners and cobblers, as Xenophon expresses it, gathered together to hear the discussions of philosophers, but the same classes came from their homes and their work-shops to the market-place, and pronounced their verdict upon the highest works of art ever submitted to any age; and their verdict has been respected by every age." There lived Socrates, that teacher of morals, who stands unrivalled except by the Great Teacher. He is even styled by some, the heathen prophecy of Jesus Christ. And still, that whole heathen experiment, was a signal failure. All its surprising culture showed not the slightest power to purify man; it brought forth no virtue, it checked no vice. The whole atmosphere of Athens was surcharged with a moral pestilence whose ravages were most dire; to which culture itself, unable to resist, at last yielded and fell before it, till the cradle of art and philosophy became its grave.

A recent secular paper had the following as a part of its editorial: "All that distinguishes us from the pagan world, all that makes us what we are, and all that stimulates us in the task of making ourselves better than we are, is Christian. A belief in Jesus Christ is the very fountain-head of everything that is desirable in our civilization, and this civilization is the flower of time. Humanity has reached its noblest thrift, its grandest altitudes of excellence, its high-water mark, through the influence of this faith." To this sentiment, the united voice of history, sacred and profane, ancient and modern, responds, amen. Glance backward over the

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fields of modern history. Where are the fertile intervales, the smiling valleys? Where turn the wheels which give energy and power to the races of man? It is by that stream whose fountain is Jesus, the God-man. This the stream whose sacred flow makes glad the world. This the river of life which the ancient seer in vision rapt, beheld in the New Jerusalem, "clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb." Men have used all efforts to divert it from its course, and to stay its waters, or pollute and defile them; but the life-giving fountain from whence it issues has cleansed the flowing waters from all impurities and swept away every barrier. To-day would you find true culture, earnest endeavor, high aspiration, developing manhood and womanhood, you seek it, not in the deserts and arid wastes of unbelief, not on the cold mountains of sneering indifference and world philosophy, neither in the reeking swamps of false religions, but on the banks of this stream and beside the flow of its waters.

It is not the philosopher, not the rhetorican, not the mere professor of theology that the pulpit demands; but men set on fire of the Holy Ghost, presenting plainly and vividly this simple gospel as preached by Paul and his co-laborers. The need of perishing humanity is not a theology, but Jesus Christ as a Saviour; not theories and speculations, but the facts concerning the Word made flesh, as they are recorded in the Scriptures. "Is it not indeed a distinguishing feature of the Christian system that it places the foundation of salvation in living relations with a person, rather than in the adoption of opinions or of habits; that under it the believer is not the man who maintains the doctrine of the trinity, or holds 'justification by faith,' but the man who has 'come to Christ,' and 'abides in him?'"

Thus returning to the gospel as preached by the apostles, a change will be wrought in the preaching and life of the church, such as shall restore its pristine power.

1. The great metropolis of the preacher's thought will be Christ, the three great facts of gospel testimony concerning him, and the doctrines naturally arising from these facts. Every sermon will have this as its point of departure, or will lead to it as its result. Every doctrine presented will radiate from the cross, or speak from the lips of that risen Lord. Other themes, although suggested in the Scriptures themselves, will be eschewed as profitless in the pulpit, and but husks to the Christian life. Very much that is wont to appear in sermons in reference to Huxley and Tyndall, and this or that philosophy and speculation, of

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which the mass of the church-going people know nothing only as they have learned from Christian teachers, this will be laid aside. Possibly with it may depart much that is considered essential to deep preaching; but in its place will appear depths far more profitable,—a deep knowledge of the Word of God, a deep personal experience of the power of the gospel, a deep insight into human nature. When errors must be driven out, the work will be accomplished by filling the mind and saturating the soul with the truth of God's Word.

With this attitude of word and thought the preacher will make the person of Christ a reality. That cross of shame, that mid-day gloom, the events which transpired in the gloaming of that resurrection morn, that glorious ascension, that throne at the right hand of the Majesty on High, each and all will stand forth as actual facts, comforting and strengthening the believer, and filling the impenitent with dismay. Note those praying bands, whose labors have so moved the hearts of the people in some of our counties; these men are neither learned nor eloquent nor profound, but they have a warm piety and blood-earnestness springing from an entire faith in, and a whole-souled love for the Master. Not but that intellectual and social gifts are important in religious teaching. No man can clothe the truth as it in Jesus in forms too beautiful, nor emphasize it by too rich a profusion of illustration, if this clothing and illustration do not hide the form of the Master. The wider grasp the mind has of these truths, so much the more useful must the man become. But we must remember that the five loaves and two fishes, accomplished more than the two hundred penny-worth of bread could have done unconsecrated by his touch.

When Jesus is preached there will be power in the pulpit, for he will accompany the preaching of himself by the power of his Spirit;—this one great office work of the Comforter, to testify of Christ, through the speech of man. That Spirit which searches all things, yea, the deep things of God, shall reveal unto the preacher those things which eye hath not seen, nor ear heard neither have entered into the heart of man; which things he will speak not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth. Thus shall come to pass that word, "His ministers a flaming fire."

2. This return will give to the church that spirit of evangelism which filled the apostolic church. The whole thought and action of the church will center in Christ; the kingdom of Christ will be first, in thought and giving and endeavor; the spread of the gospel will keep pace with the

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opening doors, because not a church, but Christ, is the object of service; not a theory, but a person, is the object of love. This missionary spirit knows no such word as sectarianism; an ism which is "blind to good except under its own forms;" a zeal which desires that all the good accomplished shall tend directly to the building up of self; a zeal for Christ, but only as he is related to man through his own church. Go out with me over this State of Maine. In how many villages and small towns we find three or four denominations, owning, it may be, one meeting-house, but each having its own stated supply upon alternate Sabbaths. There is no spirit of evangelism in that state of things; it is a blot on Christianity and a waste in the economy of religious effort such as no business enterprise could allow without bankruptcy. These denominations are in essence one. In the great facts which the apostles preached they are agreed. Can the world be impressed with the thought that "Christ is all and in all," or that the salvation of souls in these communities is of eternal importance, when churches and missionary societies cherish such weakness through these divisions? It is a duty we as Congregationalists owe to the Master and the perishing thousands in our State, that this Society take the initiative in this matter of denominational or missionary comity; that we at least be something more than a church-extension society. A man is worth more to Christ than any church or creed. With us it should be humanity first, church second.

When this spirit of evangelism prevails, every church will be a working association, not content with the routine of church services and missionary contributions, but a missionary society in itself. This society will no longer waste its resources in sending men to preach to a handful of people for their delectation two sermons each Sabbath. Each mission church will be a center for evangelism, and the test question will not be, what per cent. of its valuation is this or that church willing to pay, but how far will it co-operate with the missionary in reaching the unsaved in the community and the contiguous territory. If in any church the fire burns so low that co-operation is impossible, it may be the first duty to turn the grate, let fall the cinders, and build a new fire.

Every motive which our allegiance to Christ can urge, every motive which should stir the heart of the true patriot, calls upon us as churches and individual Christians, to make it our loftiest ambition to preach Christ throughout the length and breadth of this State. This work is of the highest importance, nay, of vital importance to both State and church. The churches should never be satisfied until the embassadors

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of Christ occupy every waste place; no village or hamlet should there be within our bounds who have not heard of Jesus, the only Saviour for lost sinners. More, the life of the churches themselves depend upon this going out of self to break the bread of life to others.

"For we must share if we would keep
That blessing from above;
Ceasing to give, we cease to have,
Such is the law of love."

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Seventy-First Annual Report.

It is with grateful hearts that we record the merciful dealings of our Heavenly Father in sparing the lives of the officers and the missionaries of the Society, for another year. Yet we note the death of six who have done good work in missionary churches in years past.

Rev. A. J. Bates, who labored so faithfully for eighteen years in Lincoln, died there, Sabbath noon, July 29th, 1877. He had just addressed the Sabbath School most affectionately, and was expecting to preach in the afternoon, but God "took him." Rev. Dana Clayes, died Oct. 30th, 1877, at Wakefield, Mass. Rev. J. A. Vinton died at Princeton, Nov. 13, 1877. Rev. Silas McKeen, D. D., died Dec. 1st., 1877, at Bradford, Vt., Rev. Chas. Morgridge died Dec. 6th, 1877. Rev. Seth Sweetser, D. D., died March 24th, 1878. Dr. McKeen labored at Belfast, and brought the church forward to self-support. Dr. Sweetser was commissioned by the Society to Gardiner while the church was in a formative state, and was ordained there. He was soon called to Worcester, Mass., where he received the summons to go up higher. These all had kept the faith, and they came to the grave "in a full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in in his season."

A general view of the missionary work, and the condition of missionary churches, for the past year, is given in the following table.

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TABULAR VIEW.

No.	CHURCHES.	MISSIONARIES.	DATE OF COMMISSION.	Length.	Appropriations.	Months of Labor.	Congregations.	Conversions.	ADDED. Profession.	ADDED. Letter.	Membership.	Prayer Meeting.	Sabbath School.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Maine Missionary Society.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Other Objects.
1	Abbot	Rev. A. Redlon	July 1, 1877	12	$300	12	140	0	4	2	36	40	75	$20 00	$10 00
2	Acton	Rev. W. S. Thompson	July 1, 1877	12	125	12	73	0	0	0	59	20	73	19 00	19 50
3	Albany	G. H. Bird	July 1, 1877	3	96	4⅓	70	0	0	0	47	60	...	74 00	.....
4	Alton	T. F. Norris	July 1, 1877	12	216	12	60	15	*no*	*ch*	...	..	40	39 55	.....
		H. Peckover	Jun 16, 1878	2⅔	18	2⅔	....	..	..	..	...	..	...	.....	.....
5	Amherst and Aurora	S. L. Vincent	July 1, 1877	3	96	3	80	40	23	0	38	50	60	67 00	40 00
		G. E. Chapin	Dec. 1, 1877	3	30	4	....	..	..	..	...	..	...	.....	.....
6	Andover	Rev. S. W. Pearson	July 1, 1877	12	150	12	93	0	0	2	81	14	68	17 96	38 42
7	Baldwin and Sebago	Rev. R. Wickett	July 1, 1877	12	300	12	80,60	8	15	7	25	35	35	8 00	.....
8	Bangor, Essex Street	C. B. Wathen	July 1, 1877	3	96	3	....	..	*no*	*ch*	...	..	...	60 00	.....
9	Bangor, West	R. H. McGown	July 1, 1877	3	96	3	100	..	*no*	*ch*	...	12	95	36 00	.....
		D. Greene	Jun 10, 1878	..	....	..	....	.	..	..	...	..	...	.....	.....
10	Biddeford, 1st	M. H. Mead	July 1, 1877	3	96	3	....	0	0	0	57	..	...	57 00	.....
11	Bingham	A. H. Thompson	July 1, 1877	12	200	12	115	5	5	1	57	30	130	7 00	.....
12	Brooksville and Sedgwick	C. L. Taintor	July 1, 1877	3	96	2⅔	110	0	5	0	30	40	60	56 00	.....
13	Brownfield	Rev. E. S. Jordan	July 1, 1877	12	150	12	100	0	11	3	54	75	60	73 00	21 00
14	Burlington	C. G. Burnham	July 1, 1877	3	96	3	45	0	0	2	31	30	80	65 00	.....
		E. M. Cousins	June 9, 1878	1	32	1	....	..	..	..	...	..	...	.....	.....
15	Caribou	Rev. J. P. Stinchfield	Jan. 1, 1878	3	48	2½	150	0	1	2	25	..	100	.....	.....
		R. S. Whidden	June 9, 1878	1	32	1	...	..	..	..	...	..	...	.....	.....
16	Dedham	D. L. Davis	June 9, 1878	1	32	1	70	0	0	0	64	25	60	22 57	.....
17	Deer Isle, No.	Rev. J. T. Closson	July 1, 1877	12	150	6	100	0	0	0	37	20	50	3 00	.....
18	Dexter	Rev. J. S. Richards	July 1, 1877	12	200	12	60	2	1	0	49	25	50	12 80	.....

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19	Eastport	Rev. G. W. Kelley	July 1, 1877	12	$150	12	90	10	16	1	68	45	50	22 81	.....
20	Edgecomb	Rev. H. H. Hutchinson	July 1, 1877	12	200	12	80	2	0	2	94	30	40	2 00	.....
21	Elliot	D. W. Goodale	July 1, 1877	3	96	3	100	0	0	0	62	20	45	54 70	.....
		A. C. Brown	May 19 1878	1¾	56	1¾	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....
22	Farmington Falls	Rev. J. I. Jones	July 1, 1877	12	200	12	100	0	0	0	27	20	75	6 00	.....
	Mercer	.....	.....	..	....	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....
23	Fort Fairfield	Rev. C. N. Sinnett	July 1, 1877	12	350	12	120	20	15	5	48	20	120	32 25	.....
24	Frankfort	R. G. Woodbridge	Jun. 16 1878	¾	24	¾	85	0	0	0	31	35	60	.....	.....
25	Freedom	B. Copping	July 1, 1877	3	96	4	100	1	0	0	36	10	70	67 70	.....
26	Garland	Rev. P. B. Thayer	July 1, 1877	12	150	12	100	3	4	1	96	20	50	40 00	29 00
27	Glenburn	T. P. Williams	June 2, 1878	1¼	40	1¼	....	..	*no*	*ch*	...	..	..	.....	.....
	No. Bangor	.....	.....	..	....	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....
28	Gray	Rev. E. Bean	July 1, 1877	12	100	12	120	13	5	0	80	20	65	.....	25 00
29	Greenville	Rev. C. Davison	July 1, 1877	12	250	12	110	3	1	0	47	30	80	95 00	163 00
30	Harrison	Rev. N. Lincoln	July 1, 1877	12	100	12	80	0	0	0	48	20	63	.....	.....
31	Holden	L. B. Tenney	July 1, 1877	3	96	1¾	75	0	0	0	63	20	100	18 08	15 00
	Dedham	.....	.....	..	....	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....
32	Houlton	Rev. Z. Crowell	July 1, 1877	12	400	12	100	25	21	6	53	30	135	15 00	.....
33	Industry	G. W. Reynolds	May 26 1878	1½	48	1½	...	0	0	0	38	..	...	.....	.....
	New Vineyard	.....	.....	..	....	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....
34	Isle au Haut	W. Denley	July 1, 1877	3	96	2¾	75	0	0	0	12	20	35	9 92	.....
35	Jackson	Rev. A. N. Jones	July 1, 1877	12	200	12	100	0	0	1	79	25	60	9 40	8 00
	Dixmont	.....	.....	..	....	..	90	12	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....
36	Jonesport	W. G. Shoppe	June 9, 1878	1	32	1	100	18	19	0	53	50	130	15 00	.....
37	Kenduskeag	Rev. J. Smith	July 1, 1877	12	50	12	125	8	12	0	...	25	150	.....	.....
38	Kingman	C. M. Schwarzauer	July 1, 1877	3	90	3	....	..	*no*	*ch*	...	..	..	30 00	.....
39	Kittery	J. P. Jones	July 1, 1877	3	96	3	90	0	1	1	34	20	55	15 00	10 00
40	Limerick	Rev. H. T. Arnold	Oct. 1, 1877	9	150	3	100	0	2	1	70	20	45	20 00	.....
41	Limington	Rev. R. D. Osgood	July 1, 1877	12	100	12	110	0	0	0	112	25	100	28 10	30 92
42	Lincoln	G. Allchin	Jun. 10 1878	1	32	1	45	0	0	0	22	23	...	.....	.....
43	Litchfield	Rev. J. T. Hawes	July 1, 1877	12	200	12	80	0	1	1	64	25	40	22 00	10 00
44	Madison	Rev. T. G. Mitchell	July 1, 1877	12	125	12	100	0	1	2	77	12	75	.....	45 00

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45	Madison, East	W. G. Shoppe	July 1, 1877	3	96	3	125	0	2	0	35	10	60	$60 00	.....
46	Medford	Rev. H. B. Hart	Oct. 7, 1877	3	96	3	....	..	*no*	*ch*	...	...	...	19 60	.....
47	Medway	D. L. Davis	July 1, 1877	3	96	3	....	..	*no*	*ch*	...	...	...	7 00	.....
		J. B. Carruthers	Jun. 10 1878	1	32	1	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....
48	Mechanic Falls	Rev. F. E. Emrich	July 1, 1877	12	150	12	121	0	0	4	41	25	85	25 00	5 00
	Poland Corner	.....	.....	..	....	..	74	8	0	0	...	..	...	.....	.....
	Minot, West	.....	.....	..	....	..	70	0	0	0	26	..	...	.....	.....
	Minot Centre	.....	.....	..	....	..	70	0	0	0	...	..	...	.....	.....
49	Minot Centre	P. B. Wing	June 9, 1878	1	32	1	....	..	..	..	108	..	...	.....	.....
50	Monmouth	A. Wiswall	July 1, 1877	3	96	4	80	0	0	0	43	30	50	77 00	.....
51	Monson	Rev. G. W. Jones	Apr. 1, 1878	3	50	2	90	0	0	1	103	30	45	.....	.....
52	Newfield, West	Rev. J. A. Kellogg	July 1, 1877	12	150	11	90	0	3	0	55	30	40	27 50	.....
53	New Vineyard	F. G. Chutter	Feb. 1, 1878	5	25	5	....	0	4	1	20	..	50	.....	.....
54	Northfield	G. E. Chapin	July 1, 1877	3	96	3	80	3	0	0	22	36	50	46 20	.....
		W. Haynes	June 9, 1878	1	32	1	....	..	..	..	...	..	...	.....	.....
55	Oldtown	Rev. L. J. Thomas	July 1, 1877	3	96	7	60	0	5	1	64	20	35	60 00	.....
	Milford	M. Blanchard	June 9, 1878	1	32	1	.. .	..	..	..	...	..	...	.....	.....
56	Orrington, East	Rev. J. Edwards	July 1, 1877	12	200	12	120	2	1	0	81	45	100	10 00	7 00
57	Oxford	Rev. G. A. Lockwood	July 1, 1877	12	150	12	65	2	2	0	55	20	80	35 00	7 97
58	Patten	Rev. E. Skinner	July 1, 1877	12	100	12	100	4	0	0	37	10	80	7 00	.....
59	Portland, West	Rev. J. F. Morgan	July 1, 1877	12	100	12	150	2	2	0	44	30	150	.....	.....
60	Princeton, Topsfield	C. S. Sargent	May 26 1878	1½	48	1½	...	40	25	0	68	..	100	65 00	.....
	Waite	.....	.....	..	....	..	....	..	*no*	*ch*	...	..	...	.....	.....

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61	Robbinston	Rev. S. C. Fessenden	July 1,1877	12	250	10	150	30	13	0	75	30	50	86	13				
	Red Beach						125	10											
62	Rumford	Rev. J. Elliot	July 1,1877	12	200	12	160	0	0	0	29	16	24						
63	Sanford	H. J. Stone	Nov 11 1877	7¾	97	7¾	125	1	0	2	45	20	50	17	00				
	So. Sanford						35	0	0	0	26	10							
64	Sherman	Rev. W. A. Merrill	July 1,1877	12	400	12	100	23	10	3	90	25	250	16	00	17	00		
	Island Falls						40												
	Silver Ridge						40	*br*	*an*	*ch*									
65	Solon	Rev. J. W. Brownville	Jan. 1,1878	6	150	6	60	0	0	0	31	20	60	12	00				
	So. Solon						50	0	0	0									
	Athens						75	0	2	0									
66	Somesville	Rev. A. R. Plumer	July 1,1877	3	50	3		0	4	6	20		40		.50				
	Tremont							0	0	0	92		107						
67	Springfield and Carroll	S. Smith	Jun. 23 1878	½	16	½													
68	St. Albans	Rev. W. S. Sewall	July 1,1877	12	50	12	75	6	1	0	21	12	120	4	38	8	10		
69	Standish	Rev. J. P. Trowbridge	July 1,1877	12	150	12	60	0	0	0	37	18	54	13	00	43	00		
70	Steuben	H. W. Chapman	July 1,1877	2½	80	2½	100		*no*	*ch*		30	50	68	00				
71	Stillwater, Upper	D. Greene	Feb. 1,1878	5	50	5		0	0	0	18		40	2	00				
72	Strong	Rev. J. L. Pratt	July 1,1877	12	150	12					94		95	4	00				
73	Stow and Chatham	J. H. Leavitt	July 1,1877	3	25	3	45	0	0	0	45	0	30						
74	Sumner	J. McGregor	July 1,1877	3	96	3	80	0	0	0	57	25	75	81	00	20	00		
		F. A. Thayer	June 9,1878	1	32	1													
75	Temple	Rev. G. A. Gordon	July 1,1877	12	200	12	130	20	13	0	70	30	75	33	00	15	00		
76	Turner	Rev. E. S. Tingley	July 1,1877	12	125	12	113	12	6	0	103	25	91	14	00	14	00		
77	Union	Rev. F. V. Norcross	July 1,1877	12	150	12	150	20	2	0	82	60	152	22	50	27	00		
78	Vassalboro, Riverside	J. Peacock, Jr.	July 1,1877	3	96	3	90	0	0	0	7	5	60	36	10				
		S. A. Burnaby	Jun. 16 1878	¾	24	¾													
79	Washington	Rev. J. J. Bulfinch	July 1,1877	12	200	12	100	0	0	0	15	25	70						
80	Warren	Rev. L. Goodrich	July 1,1877	12	200	12	140	34	32	3	179	40	130	21	00	13	00		
81	Weld	S. A. Burnaby	July 1,1877	3	96	3	200	0	0	0	48	25	55	89	00				
82	Wilton	Rev. U. W. Small	July 1,1877	12	150	12	75	1	4	2	86	15	60	40	00	12	00		

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TABULAR VIEW, Continued.

No.	CHURCHES.	MISSIONARIES.	DATE OF COMMISSION.	Length.	Appropriations.	Months of Labor.	Congregations.	Conversions.	ADDED. Profession.	ADDED. Letter.	Membership.	Prayer Meetings.	Sabbath School.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Maine Missionary Society.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Other Objects.
83	Windham	Rev. L. Wiswall	July 1,1877	12	100	12	130	25	16	0	57	25	48	$25 00	.....
84	Whiting	T. P. Williams	July 1,1877	3	96	3	80	0	0	0	28	50	40	78 00	.....
85	Whitneyville	C. Perry	July 1,1877	3	96	3	150	27	2	0	51	60	60	38 20	.....
	Marshfield	.....	.....	..	....	..	60	17	11	0	55	25	40	34 20	.....
86	Woolwich	Rev. H. O. Thayer	July 1,1877	12	100	12	90	1	0	0	79	12	86	11 35	45 00
87	York, 2d	Rev. J. Freeman	July 1,1877	12	150	12	75	0	0	0	47	30	64	.....	25 00
	Washington County	J. Vassar, Evangelist	July 1,1877	3	190	3½	....	..	..	..	....	..	....	.....	.....
		Rev. A. Blanchard, General Missionary.	Dec. 1,1877	7	700	7	....	..	..	..	....	..	....	.....	.....

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REMARKS.

1. ABBOT. The church is still prospering.

4. ALTON. This is a new point of some interest. Several conversions are reported; but there is no immediate prospect of permanence.

7. BALDWIN and SEBAGO. Mr. R. Wickett was ordained in December.

9. BANGOR West. Mr. Greene of the seminary is in charge. Meetings are well attended; prayer-meetings are well sustained; and the Sabbath School is flourishing. A church may grow out of this enterprise.

10. BIDDEFORD First. Mr. Freeman, of the last class at Bangor Seminary, is engaged to labor here for one year.

11. BINGHAM. Progress is reported. The labors of Mr. Thompson have not been in vain. The congregation and the Sabbath school have nearly doubled, and there is a good interest in prayer-meetings.

13. BROWNFIELD. A good degree of interest is manifest, and the pastor is encouraged.

15. CARIBOU. An urgent call comes from this church for stated preaching. It is important to hold such positions.

18. DEXTER, Has been called to deep affliction. Their acknowledged leader was foully murdered, while at the post of duty. His name is upon the roll of honor, and he has gone to his reward.

21. ELLIOT. Signs of reviving appear. Mr. Goodale of Andover Seminary, interested the people last year, and Mr. Brown is supplying there this year.

22. FARMINGTON FALLS, and MERCER. The former unites with New Sharon for next year, which leaves the latter alone.

23. FORT FAIRFIELD. There is marked prosperity at this point. Mr. Sinnett is doing good work, and harmony prevails.

24. FRANKFORT. The members of this little church love the truth, and enjoy the preaching of the gospel. Mr. Woodbridge of Bangor Seminary, is engaged to supply for the summer.

25. FREEDOM. Since September last, this point has been supplied one-half the time. Thorndike station receives attention Sabbath afternoon.

26. GARLAND. Things move on steadily and harmoniously under the lead of their veteran pastor.

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27. Glenburn and North Bangor. This is a new station, and promises well.

29. Greenville. Several most excellent members have died during the year. The large contribution for benevolent objects is worthy of notice.

31. Holden and Dedham. These churches have been supplied together for the past year. Holden now assumes the entire support of Mr. Crane for one year.

32. Houlton. This is a very encouraging field. Mr. Crowell was ordained and installed, Dec. 19, 1877. The people have subscribed $2,100 for remodeling their house of worship, and the work is progressing.

37. Kenduskeag, Has been well supplied for the year, by Rev. Joseph Smith.

38. Kingman. No one is commissioned to this place for this summer.

39. Kittery. Rev. Thos. Lord, is invited to supply here for one year. Mr. Jones, who has interested the people for nearly two years, is under appointment to a foreign missionary field.

40. Limerick. Mr. Arnold was obliged to leave on account of ill health. A good man is needed at this point.

42. Lincoln. Some life is manifest. It is to be supplied during the summer months.

43. Litchfield. Rev. J. T. Hawes is still vigorous, and continues to do good service for the church, and for the Master.

44. Madison. No special interest is reported. The pastor says "prayer-meetings are never well attended except in revival times."

46. Medford. At the earnest request of the people, Rev. H. B. Hart was sent there for three months. He awakened a good degree of interest, and found a few praying souls.

47. Medway. Although there is no church organization here, the people are interested in preaching, and do what they can.

48. Mechanic Falls. Rev. F. E. Emrich was installed as pastor in July, 1877. He takes under his care also Poland and West Minot.

49. Minot Centre, is supplied by Mr. Wing of Bangor Seminary, for the vacation.

50. Monmouth. Mr. Wiswall, who supplied so acceptably there last year, repeats his mission this summer.

51. Monson. Rev. G. W. Jones has supplied since May 1st, and is located permanently.

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52. West Newfield. Rev. J. A. Kellogg was ordained as an evangelist in April, and has gone to New York State. This place will be yoked with Parsonsfield, and worked by Rev. D. L. Jones.

54. Northfield. Mr. Chapin did good work there last year. The place is supplied for the summer.

55. Oldtown. Some advance is noticeable. There have been services during the entire year. Funds are now raised by envelope contributions, which is an improvement upon the old way, and lessens the demand upon the Maine Missionary Society. Mr. Blanchard gives a half day service to Milford, each Sabbath.

56. Orrington East, reports about $40 worth of books put into the Sabbath school library; the adoption of the envelope system under which the minister is paid more promptly, and the people pay more easily; and an extension of labors as far as possible, by prayer-meetings in the outskirts and in private houses. Two young men are preparing for the ministry.

57. Oxford. The pastor writes, "Our people are still hopeful. One or two new families have recently begun attendance upon Divine service." There should be a union of this church with Otisfield.

58. Patten, has been supplied one-half the time by the Methodist pastor of the place, and the arrangement seems mutually satisfactory. Dr. Luther Rogers, so long the leader there, has been called to his reward.

59. Portland West. The pastor speaks of an increase in weekly offerings. The number of givers has more than doubled, and the amount given in this way, has nearly or quite doubled.

61. Robbinston and Red Beach. Rev. S. C. Fessenden labored in these places for ten months, from July 1st.

65. Solon, South Solon and Athens, have been supplied by Rev. J. W. Brownville, since October 1st, and he continues his labors for the present.

66. Somesville and Tremont. This field has been worked for several years by Rev. A. R. Plumer, who closed his labors in January. He will gladly enter the field again. Rev. J. P. Stinchfield is invited to supply for a year, at Somesville and Bass Harbor.

67. St. Albans. Rev. W. S. Sewall, still continues here and has the respect and esteem of all. He is the only minister on the ground for funerals, and other services.

68. Standish. "The interest in Home and Foreign Missions is well

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sustained. The church is awaking to a sense of its need, and beginning to ask how sinners may be saved, and to put forth new efforts for that object."

70. STILLWATER, UPPER. A little band of faithful women has managed well to keep the church alive. They have been supplied for half the time, with the aid of the Society for ten Sabbaths.

71. STOW and CHATHAM. Mr. Leavitt closed his labors in October. Mr. Libby has since been ordained as pastor.

73. TEMPLE. Mr. Gordon has closed his labors that he may continue his studies, and Mr. Peacock takes up the work there.

75. UNION still retains Rev. F. V. Norcross, whose pastorate there approaches the honor of an old-fashioned settlement. A ministry of eighteen years from the time of ordination, in these changing times, speaks well for pastor and for people. Besides his own parish work, Mr. Norcross supplies at Appleton, where there is a growing interest.

84. WILTON. The pastor reports a good degree of prosperity. East Wilton is now under his care.

85. WOOLWICH has suffered severely by the death of its supporting members. Such a man as Christopher Otis, Esq., must be missed; still there is courage, and they go forward.

85. YORK SECOND. An effort is being made to repair the house of worship. Church and society matters remain about the same.

Several churches omitted in these notes are referred to in the account of revivals.

SUMMARY.

The number of missionaries commissioned for the whole or a part of the year is ninety-four. Fifty of these are ordained ministers, and forty-four are licentiates, which is an increase of five ordained ministers, as compared with the preceding year. Forty-one of these were employed the whole year, ten from four to ten months each, and the others served each for three months or less. Four of these missionaries have been ordained or installed during the year. The aggregate amount of labor performed is fifty-five and one-half years, exceeding that of the preceding year by seven years. An average attendance of 7,929 is reported. The number of conversions returned from 37 stations is 453. There have been added to the churches by profession 323, and by letter, 63. The church members are 4,393, the attendance at the weekly prayer-meeting is 1,960, and at the Sabbath schools, 5,578.

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These churches have contributed to the Maine Missionary Society $2,496,49, and to other objects, $723,91; in all, $3,220,40.

Albany has removed to a better site, and rejuvenated and rededicated the house of worship. Warren has built and dedicated a convenient chapel for social meetings. Edgecomb has a beautiful house in the process of building. Houlton has moved the old house into the village, and will entirely change the form. Dexter hopes to have a memorial church in honor of her brave Dea. Barron.

A church was organized at Jonesport, under favorable circumstances, in September, 1877. A branch to the Washburn Memorial Church, Sherman, has been organized at Silver Ridge, and branches to Calais at Red Beach, and to Baldwin and Sebago at Sandy Beach, will soon be organized.

REVIVALS AND THE RESULTS.

During the year, a large number of the aided churches have been quickened, and have received considerable accessions to their membership. Some have been saved from extinction.

One year ago Baldwin barely had a *name* to live. It is true a few indefatigable women had persisted in building a neat and commodious house of worship. The stronger churches heard their appeal for aid, bade them God's speed, but scarcely added the weight of a finger to help lift the burden. When the house had been finished, they sought and found a pastor. The means of grace was blessed, and twenty-two have been added, giving it now a right to live as the Baldwin and Sebago church.

One year ago Amherst and Aurora church was reduced to twelve resident members. A precious work of grace brought twenty-three into the church, and others are yet to come. So they gain a new lease of life. Poland has now five members. But eight conversions of late are reported. In due time these will be added to the faithful few, and *this* church will have a right to live.

One year ago Houlton had twenty-seven members. Twenty-seven have been added during the year, and her number is now fifty-three. This church has the right to live, to rise and build, and to look forward with hope. One year ago, Jonesport was a branch of the Machias church. Now she is enrolled in the Washington Co. Conference as a church, with fifty-three members.

The good seed which has been sown at Windham for a quarter of a

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century has become a rich harvest. Twenty-five conversions are reckoned, and sixteen have been received to the church.

Financial adversity suddenly fell upon Warren, but spiritual prosperity came almost at the same time. During the year there have been thirty-four conversions and thirty-five additions. Eastport has received seventeen, and Princeton twenty-five, which nearly doubles her working force, and more are to come. Robbinston reports thirty conversions and thirteen additions, with others to come forward soon. There are ten conversions at Red Beach, and a good interest, with the prospect of a branch organization.

Last year no report was sent from Machiasport. They have just passed through a remarkable revival season, and the one hundred converts promise a rich harvest.

Besides these, Temple reports twenty conversions and thirteen additions; Sherman, twenty-three conversions and thirteen additions; Whitneyville and Marshfield, forty-four conversions and thirteen additions; Fort Fairfield, twenty conversions and twenty additions; Bingham, five conversions and six additions; Gray, thirteen conversions and five additions; Garland, three conversions and five additions; Brownfield, fourteen additions; and Dixmont twelve conversions. In addition to these more copious showers, here and there a few mercy drops have fallen upon other churches.

Eminently, the past has been a year of ingathering. For the eastern part of the State, no year has been like the past within the memory of the present generation. The labors of God's servants have not been in vain. In view of the results, the friends of Home Missions have a right to rejoice, and they should take courage and go forward.

What instrumentalities have been especially blessed in securing these results? We would mention as prominent among others, the simple presentation of the truths of the Bible, the affectionate *urging* of these upon the attention of the people, the loving efforts of faithful pastors, and the co-operation of lay brethren who have come in for special work, and have been anxious only for the salvation of men.

Our general missionary has inspired confidence wherever he has gone; has preached fearlessly the whole truth, as he receives it from the Word; has come into close contact with individual hearts; has instructed the converts in the first principles of godliness, and has pointed them toward the church as the proper place for all Christians, as well for their own safety and growth as for their future usefulness. Let us use

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these instrumentalities in the future as Providence may direct. Let us have a purpose, and then press to fulfillment, in reliance upon the Holy Spirit.

TREASURY.

The Treasurer's Report gives items showing the actual standing of the Society. The amount of appropriations for the current year is $12,327.87. The amount actually drawn in orders for missionary work, from July 1st, 1877, to July 1st, 1878, is $12.424,36. There has been a large falling off in the contributions from the churches, while the legacies have been unusually large, amounting in all to $6,174.92.

Is is worthy of note that somehow the treasury has been supplied fully as well in stringent times, as in prosperous years. "The Lord will provide." He knows how to move the Christian heart at just the right moment. His plans are deeper than ours, He sees success when we see failure.

Still it is not the part of wisdom to make missionary appropriations with reference to probable legacies, or for the churches to count upon legacies when making appropriations for missions. A permanent fund, the income of which could do all missionary work in Maine, would prove a curse rather than a blessing. Churches weak or strong, thrive best spiritually, when they are doing all they can do for themselves, and for each other. Who would go up to a meeting of the American Board to hear what had been accomplished by the disbursement of a half million of income derived from a permanent fund? These inspiring gatherings are made up from the thousands who give every year, and at great sacrifice often, to send the gospel to the heathen; and who go prepared to pay on the spot, any arrearage that may be announced.

It is the dime here, and the dollar there, the contribution on the Sabbath, and the donation in the week, all the year through, as God prospers, which gives the interest and zeal to our annual missionary meetings.

While we would encourage our friends to remember this Society by *will* and by *bequest*—while we feel to *thank God* for our late good fortune in this regard, we would still more emphatically encourage regular and increasing gifts from the living. Let individuals pledge to the Lord, and to the home work; let Ladies' Cent Societies, or Benevolent Societies —no matter what the name—continue their long-standing gifts; let churches be prompt in their accustomed contributions; let Sabbath

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Schools, and Bible Services send their regular donations, as some have begun to do; let County Conferences take the matter home, and assess themselves for a regular amount, as York has done; and there will be no lack when the money is needed, there will be no lack in *interest* when these givers, or their delegates, come up to the yearly feast, to rejoice over the harvest, to thank the Lord and take courage.

It is a matter of interest that so many of our stronger churches have adopted the systematic form of giving. The example is leading Missionary churches to collect for *home support* in the same way. Thus, what is usually so hard — the collection of money for the support of preaching — is made tolerably easy.

GENERAL MISSIONARY WORK.

In our last report the question was raised, "Shall the society employ evangelists?" It happened also, the preacher had chosen the subject "*Christian Evangelism.*" The sermon was an earnest appeal for the apostolic form of Christian labor. It excited a good deal of interest, elicited considerable discussion, and has led to some action.

It is not the province of the Maine Missionary Society to enter upon this work in its broader aspect, but an effort has been put forth in that direction.

At the annual meeting of the trustees at Calais, Colporteur John Vassar, of Tract Society and army notoriety, was commissioned to labor for three months in Washington Co., the American Tract Society assuming one-half the salary. He labored in several different towns contiguous to Machias, was attended by the Holy Spirit, and brought many souls to decide for a better life.

In December, Rev. Addison Blanchard was commissioned as general missionary for the balance of the year, subject to the advice of the trustees. The result of his work has proved the wisdom of the effort. Perhaps a better idea of what has been accomplished can be gathered from his own journal. He writes, "I have preached two hundred and thirteen times in two hundred and five days, preaching generally three times on the Sabbath, besides a morning prayer-meeting. I have held, I do not know how many, prayer-meetings and inquiry-meetings, have visited from house to house for pastoral work, made one hundred visits during December, seventy-five during January, sixty-four in February. From March to June, I have kept no record of visits; have done all I could in that direction. As to places, first I visited Parsonsfield for nine days,

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preaching eleven sermons. Then I spent four weeks in the parish of Baldwin and Sebago, preaching five days at Baldwin, two weeks nearly, at Sebago, and nine days at Sandy Beach. There were conversions in each place, and a good number have since united with the church. A branch church organization has been, or is to be, formed at Sandy Beach, which has been a much neglected neighborhood. Eight days were spent at Lyman, where a revival had already begun. Some fifteen have united with the church, mostly adults and heads of families. Two weeks at West Newfield were not so fruitful as could be desired, though there were some conversions. Limerick the same. The church was quickened and encouraged. The work in Lovell was the means of quickening. "March 16th, I went to Princeton to follow the work of the Y. M. C. A. For two months my work was that of instructing converts, both publicly and from house to house. Twenty-five were received to the church. Fifteen more are ready to come when I can spend a Sabbath with them."

"While at Princeton, work was done in Waite and Topsfield, preparing the way for a pastorate combining the three towns.

At Red Beach, nine days were spent instructing converts preparatory to establishing a branch church, to be connected with Calais. This will be consummated by Bro. McCully."

"At Machiasport I labored one week, preparing for the coming of the Y. M. C. A.,—one week with them,—and then returned to follow up the work, and prepare the way for a permanent minister for that place and Whitneyville. At W. I labored one week with Col. Shaw. A quiet work of grace began and continues. At Machiasport some 100 profess conversion. How much this number is in excess of the real number of true converts I am not able to say. I have also explored a little at Pembroke and Perry."

"I am more and more convinced, that, while I may always be doing some temporary work by way of exploration and oversight, and while now and then I may help a very old missionary, or an experienced one, in special revival work, yet the work most needed is work at strategic points, as the need may open, but work that shall continue long enough to insure some permanent result, say till converts can be instructed, or brought into the church, or till a pastor can be found, till arrangements can be made for yoking contiguous fields, and the man put in his place till danger is passed. Sometimes this can be done in two weeks; sometimes two months may be required. Flying visits are comparatively useless."

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The nature and importance of this work is thus apparent. In working church-wise no better agency has been used than this. As a model of evangelistic work, it is like that of the primitive apostles. The general missionary has gone from place to place, preaching the Word, and from house to house, teaching and exhorting, and praying, and leading the members of the households into the kingdom.

This much of this form of missionary labor is imperatively demanded; and we only wish that the friends of this Society could understand the value of it, and give in some form, funds to support *two* or *three* such men. They are needed because the work will not be done in any other way. The pastors of the stronger churches have promised again and again to look after the feeble churches near them; but the report of such work done has seldom been made. No matter why the pastors are not reliable for revival work outside of their parish limits, if this agency be not continued and pushed vigorously, there is little hope of enlarging our boundaries, or even holding the ground already gained.

A fund has been proposed, and it has been intimated that such a fund may be started, the income of which to go for the support of general missionaries.

The fuller evangelistic effort, though it seems most desirable in itself, and ought to be encouraged, yet must be left largely to agencies aside from this society.

The canvass of the Y. M. C. A. is one agency which is adapted to reach all classes, because made up of men from the different denominations. At a *certain point*, they are glad to commit the work to pastors and others who can gather them into the church; and they acknowledge that the result of their efforts largely vanishes, because those interested must be left "as sheep without a shepherd."

There are those who are deeply interested in the general evangelistic work, and yet see that it is not properly the work of this society. So they propose to raise subscriptions for sending abroad faithful, earnest, and self-denying colporteurs, to distribute good religious reading, hold Bible services, and do the work of evangelists. One who is liberally helping in such work in the British Provinces offers $100 at least to start this subscription, and he will furnish valuable tracts for distribution. The point he has in view is the Aroostook County. This object is worthy of consideration and support. Thus, by all means, some may be saved.

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YOKING OF CHURCHES.

This seems a more difficult problem for solution in Maine than in other and more compact states. Massachusetts, for instance, has numerous village churches in close proximity. A stronger and a weaker come under one of the pastors, arrange for a generous support, and secure advantages almost equivalent to a full pastorate for each. Again, two missionary churches just upon the verge of self-support, can unite and become self-sustaining under a pastor of the best talent. Thus the duties of *two* men are well done by *one* man, the missionary aid is saved and the amount is sent forward to do frontier work. The secretary of the Massachusetts Home Mission Society reports that $14,300 in salaries are thus saved. The same holds good in Connecticut and New York, perhaps. There is no such marked advantage in Maine. The distances here are magnificent, and so are the hills. Under the *best* circumstances, the points are from six to twelve miles apart. Often the roads are rough, and at a certain season impassable. The churches reckon that they have but part services, and arrange for part pay, and that on the old basis of a cheap pastor. The extra cost in working the circuit must come from extra missionary help or from the care-worn, self-denying, dying pastor. How can three such churches as Fort Fairfield, Presque Isle, and Caribou, eleven miles each from either of the others, be economically and successfully worked by one missionary? It will either kill the *man* or kill the *church*, and probably it will do both!

Still *the principle is correct.* Where a church is in danger of being entirely without preaching, it is better to secure part time from some other place. And these unions are encouraged where it can be brought about, as in many cases there is nothing else to do. Under favorable circumstances, some very advantageous unions have been formed, which are self-supporting as unions, but would be missionary churches, if supplied alone. Perhaps they are largely in the western and older part of the State, as the two Kennebunkport churches, and the two Buxton churches, and the two Boothbay churches. But a difficulty is often met. A stronger church will not unite with a feeble church within four miles of it. So the latter has to pass the former and seek a union with another feeble band, ten miles away.

This whole matter of economy in working churches with reference to the greater good for the general cause, calls for discussion and re-adjustment. There are isolated points that need large help for the present; and any surplus saved by uniting two *self-supporting* churches under

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one pastor, might well be turned into the treasury of the Maine Missionary Society, to do such work. Christians need broader views, such as will suggest and inspire liberal things to secure a proper church extension.

THE WORK OF THE PARENT SOCIETY.

The American Home Missionary Society has received 284,486.44, and has expended $284,540.71, leaving $15,306 still due to missionaries. The work of the Society has been performed in 32 different States and Territories by 996 ministers, who have occupied 2,237 stations. The aggregate of ministerial labor performed is 739 years. Forty-seven churches have been organized and forty-six have become self-supporting. Twenty-eight houses of worship have been completed, 110 repaired, and 20 others are in process of erection. 4,572 conversions are reported; and 5,027 additions by profession of faith.

The past year has been one of peculiar trials. With prostration of business, and a rapid and painful shrinkage of property and incomes, with "suspense and grave apprehensions arising from public legislation and political uncertainties," with complaint and fault-finding in regard to those in places of trust, with pressing obligations to the missionaries at the front and an increased and oppressive debt, and an apparent indifference to the appeals sent to the churches, nothing but disaster in the form of heavy intrenchments, seemed, at one time, inevitable.

But the Sabbath schools sent special gifts to the amount of $11,000, and friends sent forward *for the debt*, $12,000 more, and the officers at New York, and the superintendents and missionaries in the field, resigned a part of their compensation; so that relief has come, and courage revives, and the order rings forth again, "Go forward!"

We are glad to mention that a special appeal to Maine, for $500, towards the debt, was promptly answered — and that a total of $720.44, is reported. But we ask, is this the full share for Maine, in carrying forward this great work?

When will we learn our privilege, and our opportunity for helping to evangelize the masses which are scattered throughout the States and Territories, for the enlargement of our churches, and for saving our government and our country? While we have home duties—and they will press more and more — we cannot be absolved from these remoter obligations, and from giving of our substance to send the missionary to the outermost borders of our newer States and Territories.

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The battle is upon us, and sometimes it seems as though the battle of Armageddon were already waged, so open and fierce are the assaults, all along the lines. Every form of error and of infidelity — Romanism and Materialism, and Communism, and Liberalism, and Heathenism,—are united in striking at the vital doctrines of Evangelical religion. Talent, and time, and money, and strength, are all consecrated to the work of bringing the Gospel of the humble Nazarene into disrepute and contempt. The very power that has made our nation all that it is, these seek to crush and overwhelm. But there can be no doubt as to the ultimate result. This humble Nazarene is the Captain of our Salvation! The armies of Satan and his emissaries, have always come to defeat; and Jesus and His hosts have come off victorious. Blessed are they who are found under His banner when the reckoning-day comes.

For years we have heard of the *West*, and its prospects, and its wants. Millions of money, and the best blood of the older States, followed by prayers and benedictions, have been sent forward to the *West*. But now the cry is, "The *new* West," which is one-third part of the United States in point of territory. Rich in soil, and timber, and minerals, and salubrious in climate, it will attract multitudes of adventurers, from all parts of the world, and of *every* faith and *no* faith. What are they to become? What will be the governments of the coming States? What will be the effect of their representation, upon the general government? What may be their *will*, when they come to hold the balance of power — or *with* the West, come to hold the power? The answer depends upon whether they be evangelized; and this depends upon a vigorous pushing of the Home missionary work, from the first settlement of a territory, till the evangelical faith be in the ascendant.

The rare opportunity is offered to the church of the present day, to be the instrument in the saving of our country, in the moulding of public sentiment, in the securing of political honesty, and in the establishment of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

Our own State work points in this direction. All our gifts for educational, and religious work, are in the straight line towards this glorious end. Let us remember that all this is for Christ, who is to be "King of kings and Lord of lords."—In the language of the missionary sermon for 1877, at New York, we would say, "The word which now sounds through all the divisions of the host is March! March! * * * Bring in the supplies! In this supreme crisis of the great struggle, let Immanuel's military chest be full to overflowing. Let money be poured forth

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like water, *Think:* it is for our country; it is for the world; for the conversion of the world depends upon the evangelization of this land. Bring in the supplies!"

When these appeals shall be heeded: when the church, understanding her mission, shall think more of Christ, and of his kingdom, than of self and of the luxuries and vanities of life, then may she sing,

> "Joy to the world, the Lord is come,
> Let earth receive her King."

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting.

The Maine Missionary Society met in the High Street Congregational church, Auburn, at 9 o'clock A. M., June 26, 1878.

The President, Rev. J. O. Fiske, D. D., conducted the devotional exercises.

The annual sermon was preached by Rev. Webster Woodbury, of Skowhegan. Text: Acts 5:42. A copy was requested for the press.

The Treasurer's report was read by Dea. J. S. Wheelwright. It was accepted and adopted, and ordered to be printed, and it was voted to thank the Treasurer, Joshua Maxwell, Esq., for his faithful and gratuitous services.

The report of the Trustees was read by the Secretary, Rev. J. E. Adams. Its acceptance was moved by Rev. S. L. Bowler, and seconded by Rev. A. Blanchard, and it was voted to adopt and print.

Rev. J. S. Richards, of Dexter, made an appeal for the Barron Memorial church. He was supported by Rev. Messrs. E. H. Byington, S. P. Fay, P. B. Thayer, and R. B. Howard, and more than $400 was pledged by individuals.

A collection, amounting to $69.08, was taken for the Maine Missionary Society.

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The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

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Rev. THOMAS G. MITCHELL,
Rev. JONA. E. ADAMS,

AUDITORS:

THOMAS R. HAYES, Esq.,
GEO. F. THURSTON, Esq.

The next annual meeting of the Society is to be held in the Congregational Church, Winthrop, on the fourth Wednesday of June, 1879.

First preacher, Rev. GEO. R. MERRILL, of Biddeford; alternate, Rev. CHARLES G. MCCULLY, of Calais.

Adjourned.

Attest: J. E. ADAMS, *Recording Secretary.*

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ACTON.
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The ACT of INCORPORATION and the CONSTITUTION of the MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY, may be found on pages 83, 84, of the Minutes and Reports for 1872.

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TREASURER'S

Dr. JOSHUA MAXWELL IN ACCOUNT

1878.			
June 20—To Balance in the Treasury, as settled June, 1877			$494 30
" Received Income per Fund as follows:			
" dividend Casco Bank, $200 00; Canal Nat. Bank, $286 00	$486 00		
" " Traders " 80 00; Medomack " 14 00	94 00		
" " State " Boston, $15 00	15 00		
		$595 00	
" Bath City Coupons, $180 00; Portland City, $60 00	240 00		
" Payson Memorial Church, $35 00; St. Louis City, $60 00	95 00		
" Thornton income, $49 00; Saco & Biddeford Savings Bank, $20 20	69 20		
" Fifield Estate income, $165 48; Caldwell Note interest, $35 00	200 48		
" P. S. P. Railroad, 18 00; Wm. B. Sewall Estate income, $344 32	362 32		
" Wm. B. Sewall Estate received for U. S. Bonds called	1050 00		
" Rev. J. E. Adams, Secretary, preaching	13 00		
		$2030 00	
" Legacies, Mrs. Dolly M. Field	500 00		
" Balance Mrs. Gooch Estate, $63 32	63 32		
" Mrs. Elizabeth L. Eaton, Boston	2050 00		
" Mrs. Dolly M. Field, $252 00	252 00		
" Mrs. Sally Eldridge, income	3 60		
" Mrs. Samuel Tyler, $500; Mrs. L. W. Maxwell, annual	506 00		
" Thomas M. Wentworth, $2000 00	2000 00		
" Mrs. Sarah S. Hagry, $100 00; Mary C. Rollins, $100 00	200 00		
		$6174 92	
" from Churches, Coll., Dona., Annuity, L. Members, etc		8174 09	
" Friend Sandwich Islands, $200; 2nd con., same amt., same source		200 00	
			$17,668 31

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REPORT.

WITH THE MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY. *Cr.*

1878.			
June 20—By paid Missionaries on Trustees' orders			$12417 51
" " Rev. J. E. Adams, Secretary, Salary, &c.	1709 56		
" " Sewall Fund, Mrs. Sewall	344 32		
" " Sewall Fund, Mrs. Bourne	216 00		
" " Abbot Fund interest to church in Jackson and Brooks	30 00		
" " Mrs. Field interest to Executor	20 03		
" " disc't, renewal of note, $16 50: Dingley's bill, Mirror, $11 07	26 57		
" " do. do. of note, $7 75; paid on note, $500 00	507 75		
" " note $500; Printers' bill, $110 00—for Annual Reports	610 00		
" " E. F. Duren's bill, $16 56; printer's bill for checks, $4 88	21 44		
" " Mirror bill, $17 25	17 25		3502 92
" " Treasurer's account as per bill rendered	108 55		
Balance in Treasury,	1639 33		$1747 88
			$17668 31
			$17668 31

The Society is indebted to Permament Fund $1060 00
To the Sewall Fund 1083 00

$2143 00

PORTLAND, June 20, 1878.

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched, and showing balance in the Treasury of sixteen hundred thirty-nine dollars, thirty-three cents. ($1639 33.)

THOMAS R. HAYES, }
GEO. F. THURSTON, } AUDITORS.

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PORTLAND, June 20, 1878.

The Permanent Fund of the Society consists of the following, viz:

20 Shares	Casco National Bank, Portland,	$2,000.00	
26 "	Canal " " "	2,600.00	
8 "	Traders " " "	800.00	
2 "	Medomak " " Waldoboro,	200.00	
6 "	State " " Boston,	600.00	
2 Bonds	Portland City, $ 500 each,	1,000.00	
2 "	Bath " 1000 "	2,000.00	
2 "	" " 500 "	1,000.00	
1 "	St. Louis " 1000 "	1.000.00	
1 "	Payson Memorial Church,	500.00	
			$11,700.00
2 "	Portland and Rochester, $500 and $200	700.00	
Saco and Biddeford Savings Bank		500.00	
J. M. Caldwell Note with Mortgage		500.00	
7 Shares	Lewiston Falls Manufacturing Co.,	700.00	
3 "	Portland, Saco and Portsmouth	300.00	
			$2,700.00
			$14,400.00
Income from one share Manuf'g Stock, Thornton Estate		$700.00	
Interest Abbott Fund $500 paid to Church Jackson and Brooks			
Income from Fifield Estate			
Treasurer's Note $1000 for Bond Matured,		1,000.00	

PORTLAND, June 20, 1878.

We have examined the above Schedule and Certificates of Stock and find them correct.

THOMAS B. HAYES, }
GEO. F. THURSTON, } Auditors.

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ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE.

Burlington	$65 00	Medway	$ 7 00
Fort Fairfield	32 25	Patten	5 00
Kingman	30 00		
Sherman Mills	16 00	Amount	$170 25
Houlton	15 00		

Expended in the Conference for the year, $1730.57.

CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE.

Portland—State St.	$468 88	Windham	$ 25 00
" High St.	245 00	Auburn, High St.	247 84
" Plymouth	111 40	" West	7 65
" Second Ch.	25 25	Cumberland Centre	20 00
" Three individuals	24 00	Standish	13 00
Brunswick	129 60	Scarboro	12 77
Yarmouth 1st	100 00	Harpswell	16 65
" Central	48 00	Warren Ch., Westbrook	11 53
Gorham	65 00	North Yarmouth	9 60
New Gloucester	62 00	Baldwin and Sebago	8 00
Lewiston, Pine St.	28 34	Falmouth Second	8 40
Freeport	26 50		
Deering, Woodford's	26 00	Amount	$1765 31
Mechanic Falls	25 00		

Expended.....$932.00.

FRANKLIN CONFERENCE.

Farmington	$149 35	Farmington Falls	$ 6 00
Weld	89 00	Strong	4 00
Wilton	40 00		
Temple	33 00	Amount	$321 35

Expended.....$775.50.

HANCOCK CONFERENCE.

Bucksport	$152 00	Orland	30 00
Deer Isle, 1st	60 50	Bluehill	10 00
" North	3 00	Isle au Haut	9 92
Castine	60 00	Somesville	50
Brooksville and Sedgwick	56 00		
Amherst and Aurora	67 00	Amount	$448 92

Expended.....$482.92.

KENNEBEC CONFERENCE.

Augusta	$271 50	Richmond	$36 50
Hallowell	122 14	Vassalboro, Riverside	36 10
Monmouth	77 00	Litchfield	22 00
Winthrop	60 05		
Gardiner	47 00	Amount	$672 29

Expended.....$462.50.

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LINCOLN CONFERENCE.

Bath, Winter St	$313 73	Wiscasset	$18 00
" Central	195 00	Woolwich	11 25
" A friend	20 00	Alna	11 00
Newcastle	41 62	Edgecomb	2 00
Rockland	30 00	Waldoboro	2 00
Thomaston	24 45	Conference	20 00
Union	22 50		
Warren	21 00	Amount	$753 30
Phipsburg	20 75		

Expended.....$850.00.

OXFORD CONFERENCE.

Sumner	$81 00	Bethel, Second	$10 00
Oxford	35 00	Dixfield	2 00
Andover	17 96	Conference	30 79
Turner	14 00		
Bethel	5 00	Amount	$195 75

Expended.....$761.00

PENOBSCOT CONFERENCE.

Bangor, First	$303 87	Alton	$39 55
" Hammond St	130 00	Hampden	26 00
" Central	300 00	Dedham	22 57
" Essex St	60 00	Holden	18 08
" West	36 00	East Orrington	10 00
Oldtown	60 00		
Brewer	50 00	Amount	$1056 07

Expended.....$1142.30.

PISCATAQUIS CONFERENCE.

Greenville	$95 00	Dexter	$12 80
Foxcroft and Dover	45 60	Brownville	12 50
Garland	40 00	Conference	11 20
Abbot	20 00		
Medford	19 60	Amount	$256 70

Expended.....$1032.58.

SOMERSET CONFERENCE

East Madison	$60 00	St. Albans	$4 38
Norridgewock	45 00		
Solon	12 00	Amount	$128 38
Bingham	7 00		

Expended.....$729.50.

UNION CONFERENCE.

Albany	$74 00	Waterford	$23 36
Brownfield	70 00	" North	20 71
Otisfield	33 00	Hiram	5 00
Bridgton	26 00	Conference	57 41
" North	11 00		
Sweden	16 00	Amount	$336 48

Expended.....$410.70.

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WALDO CONFERENCE.

Belfast, First	$140 56	Winterport	$ 3 27
Searsport, First	96 00	Rockport	1 00
" Second	14 00	Conference	13 60
Freedom	67 70		
Jackson	9 40	Amount	$353 53
Camden	8 00		

Expended.....$302.00.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

Calais	$121 34	Milltown, N. B.	$26 00
Robbinston	86 13	Machiasport	24 85
Whiting	78 00	East Machias	21 10
Steuben	68 00	Jonesport	15 22
Machias	65 96	Dennysville	5 19
Princeton	65 00	Eastport	22 81
Northfield	46 20	Conference	71 65
Whitneyville	38 20		
Marshfield	34 20	Amount	$789 85

Expended.....$1129.12.

YORK CONFERENCE.

South Berwick	$127 61	Kennebunkport First	$17 88
Wells, First	93 67	Limerick	20 00
" Second	14 00	Parsonsfield	20 00
Saco	79 41	Acton	19 00
Biddeford, First	57 00	Sanford	17 00
" Second	51 21	Lyman	16 00
Elliot	54 70	Kittery	15 00
Kennebunk, Union	53 00	Cornish	10 00
York, First	49 50	Buxton, South	8 00
Alfred	30 00	" North	3 00
Lebanon	30 00	Conference	10 00
Limington	28 10		
West Newfield	27 50	Amount	$872 58
Kennebunkport, South	21 00		

Expended.....$991.47.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A friend, Hawaii	$200 00
Mrs. G. E. Adams, Orange, N. J.	5 00
Dr. Haley and Wife, Peabody, Mass.	2 00
State Conference, Calais	62 36
Secretary, preaching	15 00
	$284 36

Expended General Missionary.....$700.00

The amount in the foregoing table, is $8,205.12, received; $12,424.36, expended.

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Cities and Towns Alphabetically Arranged.

The two hundred and forty-two Congregational Churches in this State are in the following cities and towns. The figures on the right refer to the page where the record of the churches may be found.

A

Abbot Vill.....47, 70, 108
Acton.....52, 77, 108
Albany.....33, 49, 72, 73, 108
Alexander.....51, 75
Alfred.....52, 76, 77
Alna.....44, 64, 65
Amherst.....42, 63, 108, 117
Andover.....45, 67, 108
Anson.....48, 71, 113
Athens.....48, 71, 111, 115
Atkinson.....32, 47, 70
Auburn, High St.3, 35, 40, 59, 60
Sixth St.....40, 60
West.....40, 60
Augusta.....33, 43, 64
Aurora.....42, 63, 108, 117

B

Baldwin.....
35, 40, 58, 60, 81, 108, 113, 117, 121
Bangor First Ch.....46, 68, 69
Hammond St.....46, 68, 69
Central.....46, 68, 69
Bath, Winter St. Ch...32, 44, 65
Central.....44, 65
Belfast.....50, 74, 82
North.....50, 74
Benton.....43, 64
Berlin Falls, N. H..33, 36, 45, 67
Berwick, South.....52, 77
Bethel, First Ch.....33, 45, 67
Second Ch.....45, 67
Biddeford, 1st ch.34, 52, 77, 108, 113
Second.....34, 52, 77
Pavilion.....34, 52, 76, 77
Bingham....48, 71, 108, 113, 118
Blanchard.....47, 70
Bluehill.....42, 61, 63
Boothbay, First.....44, 62, 65
Second.....44, 65
Bremen.....44, 65
Brewer, First.....31, 46, 68, 69
Village.....46, 67, 69
Bridgton.....45, 49, 66, 72, 73
North.....49, 73
South.....34, 49, 71, 72, 73
Bristol.....44, 65, 80
Brooks.....50, 74
Brooksville.....42, 63, 108
West.....42, 63
Brownfield 34, 49, 73, 108, 113, 118
Brownville.....32, 47, 67, 70
Brunswick..35, 40, 57, 59, 60, 89
Bucksport.....31, 42, 61, 63
Burlington.....39, 57, 108
Buxton.....52, 76, 77
Center.....52, 77

C

Calais.....30, 51, 75, 117, 121
Camden.....31, 50, 74
Cape Elizabeth.....35, 40, 60
Ligonia.....35, 40, 58, 60
Caribou.....39, 57, 108, 113
Carroll.....39, 57, 112
Casco.....49, 73,
Castine.....31, 42, 61, 62, 63
Chatham, (N. H.),..49, 72, 73, 112
Cherryfield.....51, 75
Clinton.....43, 64
Cooper.....51, 75
Cornish.....52, 77
Cumberland.....40, 59, 60

D

Dedham.....46, 69, 108, 109, 114
Deering, First.....40, 60
Woodford's Cor.....35, 40, 60
Deer Isle, First.....42, 62, 63
Second.....42, 62, 63, 108
Denmark.....49, 73
Dennysville.....30, 51, 74, 75
Dexter 16, 32, 47, 70, 108, 113, 117
Dixfield.....45, 67, 118
Dixmont.....46, 69, 109
Dover.....47, 70
Durham.....40, 60

E

Eastport..30, 51, 74, 75, 109, 118
Edgecomb.....44. 65, 109, 117
Elliot.....34, 52, 77, 109, 113
Ellsworth.....31, 42, 62, 63

F

Falmouth, First.....40, 58, 60
Second.....40, 60
Farmington.....33, 41, 61
Farmington F'l's 41, 60, 61, 109, 113
Ft. Fairfield 31, 39, 57, 109, 113, 118
Foxcroft.....32, 47, 69, 70
Frankfort.....50, 74, 109, 113
Freedom.....50, 74, 109, 113
Freeport.....40, 60
South.....35, 40, 58, 60
Fryeburg.....33, 49, 73

G

Gardiner.....43, 64, 82
Garland.....47, 70, 109, 113, 118
Gilead.....45, 66, 67
Gorham.....36, 40, 57, 58, 60
Gorham, (N. H.).....33, 45, 67
Gray..36, 40, 59, 60, 109, 114, 118
Greenville.....47, 70, 109

H

Hallowell.....33, 43, 63, 64, 90
Hampden.....31, 46, 68, 69
Harpswell.....35, 40, 59, 60
Harrison.....49, 71, 73, 109
Hebron.....40, 60
Hiram.....49, 72, 73
Hodgdon.....36, 55
Holden.....46, 67, 69, 109, 114
Houlton..30, 39, 57, 109, 114, 117

I

Industry.....41, 61, 109
Island Falls.....39, 57, 111
Isle au Haut.....42, 63, 109

J

Jackson.....50, 74, 109
Jonesport..30, 36, 51, 75, 110, 117

K

Kenduskeag..31, 46, 68, 69, 110, 114
Kennebunk.....52, 76, 77
Kennebunkport, 1st.....52, 77
South.....52, 77
Kittery.....52, 77, 110, 114

L

Lebanon.....52, 77
Lee.....39, 57
Lewiston.....35, 36, 40, 60
Limerick....52, 77, 110, 114, 121
Limington.....52, 77, 110
Lincoln.....39, 57, 110, 114
Linneus.....36, 55
Lisbon.....44, 65
Litchfield.....43, 64, 110, 114
Lovell.....49, 73, 121
Lyman.....34, 52, 77, 121

M

Machias.....30, 51, 74, 75, 117
East.....30, 51, 75
Port.....30, 51, 75, 118, 121
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WALDO CONFERENCE, p. 73. The 50th annual meeting was held with Second ch., Searsport, June 11, 12, 1878. Rev. A. N. Jones, Moderator. Sermon by the Moderator, and Rev. W. R. Cross. Topics discussed,—Importance of a stated ministry; reasons of short pastorates; special influences of the Holy Spirit; best methods of Bible Study; relation of giving to spiritual growth. Next meeting with the church in North Belfast, Oct. 1, 2, 1878.

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General Conference of the Congregational Churches in Maine, 1879.

Fifty-fourth Annual Meeting, in Foxcroft, June 15, 1880.

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William E. Gould, Esq.,	*Moderator*,	Portland.
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Rev. Henry S. Huntington,	*Assistant Cor. Sec'y*,	Gorham.
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Dea. William S. Dennett,	*Auditor*,	Bangor.
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Rev. Abiel H. Wright,	*Chairman Com. Nominations*,	Portland.

Officers of the Maine Missionary Society.

Seventy-third Anniversary, June 16, 1880.

Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D.,	*President*,	Bath.
Dea. Joseph S. Wheelwright,	*Vice-President*,	Bangor.
Rev. Jonathan E. Adams,	*Cor. and Recording Secretary*,	Bangor.
Joshua Maxwell,	*Treasurer*,	Portland.
George F. Thurston, Charles M. Payson,	*Auditors*,	Portland.

Officers of the Maine Congregational Charitable Society.

Fifty-second Annual Meeting, June 15, 1880.

Rev. Wooster Parker,	*President*,	Belfast.
Rev. Sewall Tenney, D. D.,	*Vice-President*,	Ellsworth.
Rev. Edward F. Cutter, D. D.,	*Secretary*,	Rockland.
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Officers Maine Branch American College and Education Society.

Sixty-second Annual Meeting, June 16, 1880.

Rev. Enoch Pond, D. D.,	*President*,	Bangor.
Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D.,	*Vice-President*,	Bath.
Rev. Frank E. Clark,	*Secretary*,	Portland.
Prof. Henry L. Chapman,	*Treasurer*,	Brunswick.
Charles N. Bates,	*Auditor*,	Brunswick.

Woman's Board of Missions.—State Auxiliary.

Seventh Anniversary, June 16, 1880.

Committees to report, June, 1880.

Change in Delegation,	Dr. Thomas Haley, of Biddeford, Chairman.
Doctrinal Manual and Catechism,	Rev. C. Hamlin, D. D., of Bangor, Chairman.
Hallowell Classical School,	Rev. S. L. B. Speare, of Bangor, Chairman.
Bowdoin College,	Rev. I. P. Warren, of Portland, Chairman.
Bangor Theological Seminary,	Chairman to be appointed.

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MINUTES OF 1879.

The Fifty-Third Annual Meeting of the General Conference of The Congregational Churches in Maine, was held with the Congregational Church in Winthrop, commencing on Tuesday morning, June 24, at 9 o'clock.

The *Moderator*, Rev. William H. Fenn, of Portland, not being present, the Recording Secretary called to order, and to the choice of a Moderator *pro tem.*

William F. Gould, Esq., of Deering, was elected.

United in singing, Hymn 648, (Sabbath Hymn and Tune Book.)

"Come thou fount of every blessing."—(*Sicily.*)

The Moderator read the 54th chap. of Isaiah.

Rev. Charles Davison, of Greenville, led in Prayer.

The credentials of Delegates were called for.

Rev. Francis Southworth, of Portland; Prof. George T. Fletcher, of Castine, and Dea. Edward P. Packard, of Wilton, were appointed a Committee to receive them, and report.

The Constitution and Rules of Conference, were read.

DELEGATES.

COUNTY CONFERENCES REPRESENTED.

AROOSTOOK.

No report.

CUMBERLAND.

Rev. William H. Haskell, Falmouth.	Dea. William E. Gould, Deering.
Rev. Henry S. Huntington, Gorham.	Dea. Samuel W. Larrabee, Portland.
Rev. Francis Southworth, Portland.	Dea. Brown Thurston, Portland.

CUMBERLAND, NORTH.

Rev. Trueman S. Perry, Cumberland.	George T. Merrill, Gray.
Rev. Lauriston Reynolds, West Auburn.	Melville C. Merrill, Yarmouth.
Rev. Joseph Torrey, Yarmouth.	Caleb S. Richardson, Mechanic Falls.

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Rev. Albert W. Moore, Farmington.	Dea. Edward P. Packard, Wilton.
	Dea. Austin L. Jones, Weld.

HANCOCK.

Rev. Daniel W. Hardy, Bluehill.	Alfred H. Adams, Castine.
Rev. Charles J. H. Ropes, Ellsworth.	Nathan H. Powers, Orland.

KENNEBEC.

Rev. James H. Ecob, Augusta.	Dea. Hines L. Crosby, Benton.
Rev. Charles A. White, Hallowell.	James M. Larrabee, Gardiner.

LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOC.

Rev. Henry H. Hutchinson, Edgecomb.	Dea. Charles A. Clapp, jr., Bath.
Rev. Flavius V. Norcross, Union.	Joseph B. Hopkins, Topsham.
Rev. Nahum W. Grover, Topsham.	

OXFORD.

Rev. David Garland, Bethel.	Hon. Eben W. Woodbury, Bethel.
Rev. Samuel W. Pearson, Andover.	

PENOBSCOT.

Rev. Clarence A. Beckwith, Brewer.	Thomas G. Stickney, Bangor.
Rev. Alfred J. McGown, Orono.	Dea. Joseph S. Wheelwright, Bangor.

PISCATAQUIS.

Rev. Charles Davison, Greenville.	George A. Bradman, Abbot.
Rev. Gustavus W. Jones, Monson.	Edmund Scammon, Greenville.

SOMERSET.

Rev. Benjamin Tappan, Norridgewock.	Augustus R. Bixby, Skowhegan.
Rev. Webster Woodbury, Skowhegan.	Dea. James Bell, Skowhegan.

UNION.

Rev. Nehemiah Lincoln, North Bridgton.	Hon. George B. Barrows, Fryeburg.
Rev. Osgood W. Rogers, Bridgton.	Dea. Luke Brown, North Bridgton.

WALDO.

Rev. Wellington R. Cross, Camden.	Joseph Perry, Camden.
	Richard G. Woodbridge, Frankfort.

WASHINGTON.

Rev. George W. Kelley, Eastport.	Rev. Charles Whittier, Dennisville.

YORK.

Rev. Edward Chase, Biddeford.	Dr. Thomas Haley, Biddeford.
Rev. David B. Sewall, York.	Hon. Joseph Titcomb, Kennebunk.
Rev. Benjamin P. Snow, Alfred.	Leonard J. Strout, Limington.

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MINISTER OF THE PLACE.—Rev. Warren F. Bickford.

PREACHERS.—Revs. John S. Sewall, D. D., Bangor; John G. Leavitt, New Gloucester.

DELEGATES WHO FULFILLED THEIR APPOINTMENT.—Rev. Frank E. Clark, Portland, to Maine Methodist Conference, in Portland, April, 1879; Rev. Herbert A. Loring, Foxcroft, to East Maine Methodist Conference, in Dover, May, 1879.

REPRESENTATIVES.

BANGOR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.—Revs. Professors Levi L. Paine, D. D., John S. Sewall, D. D., and Cyrus Hamlin, D. D.

BOWDOIN COLLEGE, BRUNSWICK.—President Joshua L. Chamberlain, LL. D., Professor Henry L. Chapman, A. M.

HALLOWELL CLASSICAL SCHOOL, AND SCIENTIFIC ACADEMY.—Rev. Almon W. Burr, Principal; Rev. Henry F. Harding, Secretary.

BENEVOLENT ORGANIZATIONS.

Rev. Elnathan E. Strong, of Waltham, Mass.—*American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.*

Rev. Charles L. Woodworth, Boston.—*American Missionary Association.*

Rev. James P. Kimball, Boston.—*American Tract Society.*

Rev. Francis Southworth, Portland.—*Seaman's Friend Society.*

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VACANCIES IN COMMITTEE OF NOMINATIONS.

Rev. Thomas G. Mitchell, of Somerset Conference, and Rev. Edward E. Bacon, of Oxford Conference, were chosen to take the place of two whose term of office expires.

CHANGE OF TIME FOR ANNUAL MEETING.

On motion of Rev. Austin L. Park, of Gardiner,

A Committee were chosen to consider the question of appointing the annual session of the General Conference, one week earlier.

Committee.—Revs. A. L. Park, Gardiner; J. E. Adams, Bangor; and Hon. George B. Barrows, Fryeburg.

The Committee subsequently reported, that the change be made; provided the Maine Missionary Society concurred in changing the time of their annnal meeting. In that case, the ninth article of the Constitution of the Conference to be so amended, as that it shall read," The Conference shall meet on Tuesday preceding the *third* Wednesday of June," instead of the fourth Wednesday, as now.

The Local Conferences were recommended to change their time of meeting one week earlier.

[The Maine Missionary Society voted to concur in the change.]

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

A season of prayer was held. Revs. Addison Blanchard, Cumberland; Osgood W. Rogers, Bridgton, and Josiah T. Hawes, Litchfield, leading in prayer. Reference was made by the Moderator and others, to the meeting of General Conference, in this place, a half-century ago, (1830); to the topics and participators in it. Only two of the Delegates then present, now survive;—Rev. Stephen Thurston, D. D., of Searsport, (then Prospect,) and Rev. Daniel D. Tappan, of Weld, (then of Alfred); the latter being present at this session.

Sung Hymn 857,—"Blest be the tie."

separate verses at intervals, during the half-hour.

SABBATH DESECRATION.

Rev. Henry S. Huntington, of Gorham, from the Committee appointed last year to report on this subject, suggesting the best means of resisting and abating it, presented the same.

The Report was followed with remarks by Rev. Francis Southworth, of Portland, who moved its acceptance,—by Revs. J. B. Wheelwright, Deering; John O. Fiske, D. D., Bath; Cyrus Hamlin, D. D., Bangor; H. S. Huntington, Gorham; and Deac. Mason J. Metcalf, Monmouth.

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The Report was accepted and adopted,—to be published with the Minutes of Conference, (see appendix), and in the Christian Mirror. (Pub. July 5. Dr. Fiske's remarks, Ch. Mir., June 28.)

PREPARATORY SCHOOLS.

Rev. Benjamin Tappan, D. D., of Norridgewock, chairman of the Committee appointed last year to report on the endowment of three institutions of learning in different parts of the State, as fitting schools for Bowdoin College, presented the same, with the following resolutions:

Resolved,—As the General Conference of Congregational Churches in Maine, that we wish to do our utmost for the cause of Christian education here,

Resolved,—That we count Christian fitting schools for Bowdoin College, of the utmost importance; that we rejoice in the establishment of one already in some good degree the child of the churches, working in their interest, and destined we trust, to be fully endowed, and to work still more largely and effectively in the future.

Resolved,—That we will favor the endowment of two others, one in the eastern, the other in the western part of the State, as the demand for them shall make itself felt, and the Providence of God prepare the way.

The report was accepted, and the resolutions adopted.

After a report from the Committee of Arrangements, and the calling of the roll—adjourned, with the benediction by Rev. David Garland, of Oxford Conference.

Two o'clock P. M.

Sung, Hymn 295—"Sweet the moments rich in blessing."

The Moderator read Ephesians, 2d ch. from v. 13.

Rev. Edward Chase, of York Conference, led in prayer, followed by Dea. M. S. Metcalf, of Kennebec.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THREE YEARS.

Dea. William E. Gould, of Deering, was elected *Moderator*. Rev Austin L. Park, of Gardiner, *Corresponding Secretary*. Dea. Elnathan F. Duren, of Bangor, *Recording Secretary*.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Rev. Ezra H. Byington, Corresponding Secretary of the Conference, presented the State of the Churches, for the year past.

The Moderator remarked, that in view of the encouraging facts in the report, it was fitting that we pause, while we unite in a prayer of thanksgiving for the mercies of the year, and for a new consecration to the work to which we are called.

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In this service, Conference was led by Rev. Smith Baker, of Lowell, Mass., a former pastor in Maine.

United in singing, Hymn 270,

"How firm a foundation."

The acceptance of the report, to be published in the Minutes, and also in the Christian Mirror, was moved by Rev. John B. Wheelwright, accompanied with remarks suggested by it, and seconded by Rev. Frank E. Clark.

The motion was adopted.

On motion of Rev. I. P. Warren, D. D., seconded by Rev. J. O. Fiske, D. D., the following resolution was adopted:—

Resolved,—That Rev. E. H. Byington having declined a re-election to the office of Corresponding Secretary, this Conference hereby tender to him their hearty thanks for the ability and faithfulness with which he has discharged the onerous duties of that office for the past six years.

Rev. Henry S. Huntington, of Gorham, was chosen Assistant Corresponding Secretary.

MODERN SCEPTICISM.

Rev. George S. Dickerman, of Lewiston, read a paper on the question, "How should the church deal with modern scepticism?" A prominent point was, by the devout, consistent, earnest lives of Christians.

Published in Ch. Mirror July 12.

A discussion followed, participated in by Revs. John S. Sewall, D. D., Bangor; Edward Chase, Biddeford; E. H. Byington, Andover, Mass.; Daniel D. Tappan, Weld; C. Hamlin, D. D., Bangor; Geo. S. Dickerman, Smith Baker, and Josiah T. Hawes, of Litchfield.

Prayer and Benediction, by Rev. Chas. H. Gates, of York Conference.

Adjourned.

MAINE CONGREGATIONAL CHARITABLE SOCIETY.

Incorporated February 25, 1829.

FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING.

Tuesday evening, 7½ o'clock.

The President, and Vice-President, not being present, Rev. Ezra H. Byington, one of the Trustees, was called to act as President *pro tem.*

United in singing Hymn 317—"In the cross of Christ I glory."—(*Bartimeus.*)

Mr. B. read the 63d and 93d Psalm, and led in prayer.

The Report of the Treasurer, Rev. J. E. Adams, of Bangor, was presented.

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RECEIPTS.

Balance in the Treasury, 1878,	$550.50	
Contribution at Annual Meeting in Auburn	37.25	
(1) From ten churches,	160.02	
From twelve individuals,	79.27	
Interest,	18.00	
		$845.04

EXPENDITURES.

Paid to fourteen families,	$426.00	
Expenses, Discount and Taxes,	115.12	
Balance in the Treasury to new account,	303.92	
		$845.04

(1) Bangor, Ham'd St.,	16.18	Lewiston, Pine St.,	15.00	Searsport, 1st ch.		15.00
Brunswick,	13.62	Portland, Ply'th ch.,	10.00	Standish,		2.50
Calais,	16.00	State st. ch.,	50.00			
Farmington,	18.72	Williston ch.,	3.00	Total,		$160.02

Remarks were made by Revs. E. H. Byington, and J. E. Adams.

Contribution taken. Amount, $35.34.

OFFICERS OF THE MAINE CONGREGATIONAL CHARITABLE SOCIETY.

Rev. WOOSTER PARKER, ... *President*, ... Belfast.
Rev. SEWALL TENNEY, D. D., ... *Vice-President*, ... Ellsworth.
Rev. EDWARD F. CUTTER, D. D., ... *Secretary*, ... Rockland.
Rev. JONATHAN E. ADAMS, ... *Treasurer*, ... Bangor.
Dea. J. S. WHEELWRIGHT, ... *Auditor*, ... Bangor.

The President, Secretary, and Treasurer, *ex-officiis*, Rev. Messrs. E. POND, S. TENNEY, S. THURSTON, J. K. MASON, E. H. BYINGTON, and S. P. FAY, *Trustees*.

8 P. M.—Conference resumed its session.

CONFERENCE SERMON.

Organ Voluntary, by Mr. Horace W. Packard, of Winthrop, Organist, and Leader of the Choir.

Anthem, by the choir,—

"What shall I render unto the Lord."

Reading, 15th ch. of John, and Prayer by Rev. Chas. J. H. Ropes, of Ellsworth.

Sentence by the choir,—

"Christian, the morn breaks sweetly o'er thee."

Hymn, 1038,—by choir and congregation,—

"Oh, where are kings and empires now."—(*Dundee.*)

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Sermon, by Rev. John S. Sewall, D. D., Professor in Theo. Seminary, Bangor. Text,—Matt. 4:17. "From that time, Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand."

Theme,—The development of Christianity.—(Pub. in Ch. Mir., July 5.)

Hymn, 1029.—"Happy the Church, thou sacred place." (*Ames.*)

Prayer by the Preacher.

Report by the Committee of Arrangements, and Notices.

After the Benediction,—adjourned.

SECOND DAY.--Wednesday, June 25.

6 A. M.—Prayer-meeting in the Chapel, on the western side of the town. Dr. Thomas Haley, of Biddeford, in charge. Scriptures read,—1 John, 4th chap. Prayer and remarks by the leader, Revs. J. T. Hawes, E. H. Byington, O. W. Rogers, N. Lincoln, H. F. Harding, Dr. Hamlin, Father Thomas Adams, and others, interspersed with singing, and reports of revivals. A quickening season.

8:15 A. M.—Conference resumed its session.

Sung Hymn 441,—

"How sweet the name of Jesus sounds."—(*Ortonville.*)

The Moderator read Matt. 10: from v. 33.

Prayer.—Rev. Jehiel S. Richards, jr., of Piscataquis Conference, followed by Rev. Joseph Torrey, of Yarmouth, and Dea. John Hancock, of Litchfield. Reminiscences of the meeting of Conference at Winthrop, in 1830, by Revs. D. D. Tappan, and Thomas Adams.

CHANGE IN THE ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCE.

Dr. Thomas Haley, of York Conference, introduced the following resolution:—

That article second of the Constitution of this Conference be amended, by striking all out after the words,—"The General Conference shall consist of,"—and inserting instead thereof, as follows:—The Pastor, or acting-pastor, and one delegate from each of the Orthodox Congregational Churches in the State.

This resolution was referred to a Committee of one from each of the local Conferences, viz:—Revs. Zenas Crowell, of Houlton, Aroostook Conference; Henry S. Huntington, of Gorham, Cumberland; Trueman S. Perry, of Cumberland, Cumberland North; Dea. Edward P. Packard

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of Farmington, Franklin; Revs. Daniel W. Hardy, of Bluehill, Hancock; Austin L. Park, of Gardiner, Kennebec; Henry H. Hutchinson, of Edgecomb, Lincoln and Sagadahoc; David Garland, of Bethel, Oxford; Clarence A. Beckwith, of Brewer, Penobscot; Charles Davison, of Greenville, Piscataquis; Webster Woodbury, of Skowhegan, Somerset; Nehemiah Lincoln, of North Bridgton, Union; Wellington R. Cross, of Camden, Waldo; George W. Kelley, of Eastport, Washington; Dr. Thomas Haley, of Biddeford, York.

Dr. Haley, as Chairman of the Committee, subsequently reported as follows:—

The committee is not clear as to the necessity of enlarging the membership of the Conference, but if any change is desirable, they would recommend that the second article of the Constitution be amended, so that the Conference shall consist of ten delegates, five ministers, and five laymen, from each of the local conferences of twenty or more churches, and six delegates, three ministers, and three laymen from each of the local conferences of less than twenty churches;—and also of a delegate from the board of instructors or faculty of Bangor Theological Seminary, Bowdoin College, and Hallowell Classical School.

After a brief discussion, on motion of Rev. George R. Merrill, of Biddeford,—

Resolved, 1. That the report as a whole be accepted.

2. That so much of the report as provides for the representation of our educational institutions be adopted; also that the editor of the Christian Mirror be a member of this body.

3. That the main question be referred to the committee already appointed, to consult the local conferences, and report at the next meeting. Dr. Thomas Haley, of Biddeford, chairman.

TOBACCO.

Rev. Nehemiah Lincoln, delegate from Union Conference, presented the following preamble and resolution,—adopted unanimously by that Conference, which by their vote was directed to be sent by their delegates to the General Conference, for their consideration:—

Whereas,—God who said, "your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost;" has also said, "If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy;" and because the use of tobacco is a filthy habit, injurious to the health, and both sensual and selfish, opening the soul to the indulgence of every appetite, and closing it to a sense of the rights of others, and the claims of Christian benevolence; and because this evil has become alarmingly prevalent in our churches and communities;—

Therefore, Resolved,—The we, the ministers and delegates of Union Conference, do earnestly recommend to the various churches of this Conference, that they labor and pray for the eradication of this evil from our churches and communities.

The resolution was adopted.

Adjourned.

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Maine Missionary Society.

Organized in 1807.

SEVENTY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY.

9 o'clock A. M.

Organ Voluntary by Mr. Horace W. Packard.

Anthem by the choir,—

"I will praise thee, O Lord."

The President, Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D., of Bath, read the tenth chapter of Matthew, and led in prayer.

Anthem by the choir,—

"Sound the loud timbrel."

Sermon, by Rev. George R. Merrill, of Biddeford.

Text, Matt. 23:8 "For one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren." Theme,—The principle of all Christian life, and all church life, is personal loyalty to Christ, and mutual helpfulness.

Sung,—Hymn 1017,—

"I love thy Kingdom, Lord.—(*Dennis.*)

The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer, which were read, the remarks following, the sermon, and the business transacted, may be found in another part of this pamphlet.

Annual contribution, $58.27.

Benediction by the President.

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2 o'clock P. M.—Conference resumed its session.

The Moderator read 2d Samuel, 7th chapter. Rev. David B. Sewall, of York Conference, led in prayer.

United in singing Hymn 431,—

"Awake, my soul, to joyful lays."—(*Loving-kindness.*)

Rev. G. W. Merrill, of Biddeford, and F. E. Clark, of Portland, were appointed a Committee to unite with the Committee of the Maine Missionary Society, in the arrangements for the discussion of Home Evangelization in the evening.

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BOWDOIN COLLEGE.

Rev. I. P. Warren, D. D., of Portland, chairman of the committee in reference to a closer connection of the Conference with Bowdoin College, appointed last year to report at this session, presented a report, with the following resolutions:—

1.—*Resolved*, That this Conference extends to the Faculty of Bowdoin College, a cordial invitation to be statedly represented at its annual meetings for the purpose of imparting information of its affairs and promoting the active and prayerful interest of the pastors and churches, in its spiritual welfare.

2.—*Resolved*, That understanding it to be agreeable to said faculty, the Conference will annually appoint a committee of five, for the purpose of visiting the College, either singly or together, at such times as the faculty may prefer, not only to witness the examinations, but to aid in an all practicable ways in advancing the standard of piety among the students.

3.—*Resolved*, That one of the sessions of this body be regularly devoted to hearing the reports of these delegates and visitors, together with those of the representatives of the Classical School and the Theological Seminary, the three institutions thus embodying before our churches, the cause of the higher education in this State.

4.—*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the churches, to give increased attention to the annual day of prayer for Colleges, and that the three institutions named, be invited to prepare and communicate through the Mirror, or otherwise, such statements as to their condition and wants, as shall tend to kindle a deeper interest and a more fervent spirit of intercession for God's blessing upon them.

I. P. Warren, Benjamin Tappan, H. L. Chapman, *Com.*

The Report is published in Ch. Mir., July 5.

President Chamberlain was welcomed to the Conference, and expressed himself as fully in sympathy with the report, and was rejoiced that the interests of the College, were thus to be brought to the attention of the Conferences and Churches. The College needed the sympathy, friendship and love of the Churches, and their more intimate acquaintance with it, would greatly secure it. (The Remarks of the President in Ch. Mirror, July 5.)

Professor H. L. Chapman, of the College, showed that a Christian College, and a Christian Church, are engaged in the same work—each in its own sphere, and according to its opportunities.

Prof. John S. Sewall said that Bowdoin College was not an outsider, but a child of the Church, and it cannot be severed, no more than a mother can be severed from her son when he becomes old. He referred to the excellencies and qualifications of Professors Packard, Chapman, and Smith, son of Eli Smith, the missionary, and Cole, Superintendent of the Parish Sabbath School, and Johnson and others, for the position they were occupying. To them he was glad to commit his son for a collegiate and Christian education, and he hoped that the fathers and mothers in all our churches would do the same.

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At the request of the Moderator, Rev. Wellington R. Cross, of Waldo Conference, led in prayer, in behalf of the College.

The resolutions were adopted,—The number of the Committee, as provided for in the second resolution, to be five,—and Rev. Dr. Warren, and Prof. H. L. Chapman, were appointed a Committee to nominate them.

COMMITTEE.—Revs. I. P. Warren, D. D., of Portland; George W. Field, D. D, of Bangor; David B. Sewall, of York; Joseph Torrey, D. D., of Yarmouth; and Hon. George B. Barrows, of Fryeburg.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

This cause was presented by Rev. Elnathan E. Strong, of Waltham, Mass., Editor of the Missionary Herald. He referred tenderly to the memory of Dr. William Warren, who had for so many years presented the cause of missions to the Conference and Churches of Maine. The new and wider openings for the spread of the gospel, were clearly shown, calling for the united sympathies and efforts of the Churches.

The congregation united in singing with great heartiness,—

"Shall we whose souls are lighted."

AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

This Society was represented by Rev. Charles L. Woodworth, of Boston, one of its Secretaries. He referred to the interesting fact that the beginnings of the Society was here. Rev. David Thurston, the pastor of this Church, was its fast friend and first President. The value of this organization to the Freedmen, the Chinese, and the Indian, as well as to our nation, was fully set forth.

AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY.

Rev. James P. Kimball, of Boston, made an appeal for this Society, whose motto, he said, might well be: "The seed is the word of God; the field is the world."

SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

The work of this Society in Maine and elsewhere, was faithfully presented by Rev. Francis Southworth, of the Bethel Church, Portland.

AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL UNION.

At a subsequent session, a letter was read from the Secretary, Rev. Wm. B. Brown, D. D., of New York, showing what Maine has done for church building, through this Society, and asking that we should ap-

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point, as it is proposed to do in other States, one person in each local Conference, to see that each church within its bounds, make annually a collection to this church-building work; and to whom documents and facts may be sent.

Seventeen churches gave $329.57; thirteen individuals, $92.00; friends $725.69. Total from Maine, $1,147.26.

On motion of Rev. Joseph Torrey, D. D., of Yarmouth, seconded by Rev. Benj. P. Snow, of Alfred,—The Conference appointed the following persons for the above service: Aroostook Conference, Revs. W. A. Merrill, Sherman; Cumberland, H. S. Huntington, Gorham; Cumberland North, T. S. Perry, Cumberland; Franklin, A. W. Moore, Farmington; Hancock, Dea. Edward Swasey, Bucksport; Kennebec, Revs. E. N. Smith, Waterville; Lincoln and Sagadahoc, C. H. Pope, Thomaston; Oxford, D. Garland, Bethel; Penobscot, C. A. Beckwith, Brewer; Piscataquis, P. B. Thayer, Garland; Somerset, T. G. Mitchell, Madison; Union, O. W. Rogers, Bridgton; Waldo, B. B. Merrill, Searsport; Washington, G. W. Kelley, Eastport; York, B. P. Snow, Alfred.

BANGOR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Rev. J. S. Richards, jr., of Dexter, for Rev. F. V. Norcross, of Union, Chairman, in behalf of the Committee who visited the Seminary at its last anniversary, presented their report. It was accepted, adopted, and referred to the Publishing Committee.

HALLOWELL CLASSICAL SCHOOL.

Hon. Joshua Nye, of Augusta, referred to the efforts made to secure the $25.000 needed for this institution. From various sources, by the efforts of Rev. S. P. Fay and others, $24.514 have already been pledged; but as much more is needed.

Rev. A. W. Burr, Principal of the School, spoke of the encouraging prospects before them. It was a matter of rejoicing that so much had been done. Reference was made to the spiritual condition of the school. Of the thirteen to graduate next week, eight are Christians, four of them having commenced their Christian life since their connection with the school.

Rev. A. Redlon, the financial agent, had no doubt of the success of the enterprise, and encouraged the Conference with his words of good cheer and hope.

Rev. Smith Baker spoke of the necessity of the school, especially since the academies which existed aforetime, did not now meet the wants of

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the age. He spoke of the need of putting the expenses of the school at such a rate, that all could avail themselves of its privileges, and of the need of help to those families who desire to have their children educated, but have not the means.

Rev. G. R. Merrill, of Biddeford, with earnest remarks, presented the following resolutions, which were referred to a Committee :

1.—*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Conference, that the annual deficiency of the Classical School, pending its necessary endowment, should be met by the churches that called it into being.

2.—*Resolved*, That the churches of the State be requested to take an annual contribution each year, for this purpose.

COMMITTEE:—Rev. Messrs. G. R. Merrill, A. L. Park, W. R. Cross.

At a subsequent session, this Committee by its Chairman, reported,—

1.—That the above resolutions ought to pass, with this addition,—that the month of October, each year, be suggested as the time for the collection.

That the Conference appoint a committee, consisting of one minister, one layman, and one lady, to report at the next meeting of Conference, upon the general condition of the school, and especially upon the disposition made of the contributions of the churches.

In the discussion on this subject, Rev. Dr. Hamlin said he had in his experience abundant opportunity to compare England and America in regard to accurate scholarship in schools and seminaries. He hoped Hallowell would adopt English methods of teaching a few branches very thoroughly, giving a firm basis for excellent superstructure of a liberal education.

Prof. G. T. Fletcher of Castine said: We must have religious men for teachers. Every parent should aim to give his children a broad Christian culture. There was danger of a Godless Education.

Rev. Edward Chase, of Biddeford, admired the steady persistence of purpose displayed by this school. It should and would ensure success He used to think his heart turned to Exeter; now, he is ready to give heart and words for Hallowell.

Rev. B. P. Snow, of Alfred, had seen the workings of this Seminary, and spoke from personal knowledge. It had won a foremost place among our educational institutions, and merited our hearty support.

Rev. Benj. Tappan, D. D., of Norridgewock, commended its high Christian character and said it may be relied upon. The churches of Maine ought to feel a greater and more practical sympathy.

Rev. J. T. Hawes, of Litchfield, had a child about to graduate, and was more and more interested in the enterprise.

Rev. J. B. Wheelwright, of Rangeley Lake, thought all were satisfied of the efficiency of the school and ready to give it help and encouragement.

Rev. H. A. Loring, of Foxcroft, said he would pledge $100 in addition to the $300 already donated, provided the price of board could be reduced.

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Rev. Francis Southworth, of Portland, suggested that in order to effect this reduction of board, contributions of potatoes, beans, meal, and other farm products, would be most acceptable contributions from farmers, who, perhaps, could not give money.

Rev. T. G. Mitchell, of Madison, said he wished that more knowledge of the institution could be diffused through the Mirror, and other mediums. He had graduated one daughter there. Thought this was our school, and pastors and people should appreciate its advantages.

Rev. A. W. Burr, principal of the school, read the programme of the anniversary exercises to take place next week, and extended a hearty invitation to the brethren and sisters of the Conference to be present.

Rev. Amos Redlon, of Abbot, wished to speak of the value of the press, in diffusing information upon these subjects,—said where newspapers were circulated, he found collecting easy, and money sometimes waiting for his call.

The resolutions were adopted, and the following were appointed the Committee referred to:—

Rev. S. Lewis B. Speare, of Bangor; Col. Charles A. Wing, of Winthrop; and Mrs. William H. Fenn, of Portland.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

On motion of Dr. Hamlin:

Voted,—That a Committee of three be appointed to arrange for the next Conference, in connection with the local Committee; and that they be instructed to provide for but one sermon.

COMMITTEE:—Revs. George S. Dickerman, of Lewiston; J. E. Adams, and Cyrus Hamlin, D. D., of Bangor.

Adjourned.

7:30 P. M.

PRAISE MEETING.

A praise meeting was held as the opening service, conducted by Dea. George F. Hawes, of Augusta. Various selections of our choice and familiar hymns were sung, with the reading of scripture selections, closing with prayer by Rev. Smith Baker.

The Moderator read 2d Timothy, 4:1—8.

Prayer.—Rev. Thomas M. Davies, of North Yarmouth.

MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY, AND HOME EVANGELIZATION.

Rev. Addison Blanchard, of the Committee referred to on page 12, reported that they had examined and considered the suggestions of the report and work of the Maine Missionary Society, and offer the following resolutions as embodying all that need be said of them.

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Resolved, 1.—That the general policy of the Maine Missionary Society, as understood by the Secretary, and as outlined in his report, is such as heartily meets the approval of the churches and the patrons of the society; that policy being one of enterprising and aggressive advance.

Resolved, 2.—That in order that funds may be released for new work, the churches that have long received aid, should be impelled towards self-support by a judicious reduction of appropriations, resulting when possible, in the yoking of two or more churches in the support of a pastor.

Resolved, 3.—That we commend the purpose of the Trustees to keep up the standard of qualification for employment by the society; and express our conviction that only laborers of good capacity and acquirement, should be encouraged to take its commission.

Resolved, 4.—That the conduct of the society, and the churches and pastors towards these worthy and noble men, should be such as to lead them to feel that they are appreciated and honored by their brethen, as well as by the Master, for their work's sake.

Resolved, 5.—That the attention of the churches and pastors and all interested, is urgently called to the state of the treasury,—and we recommend that an endeavor be made by the Society in connection with the pastors, to secure a contribution from every church, and from every church member.

The resolutions were earnestly discussed by Revs. Edward Y. Hincks, Portland; Addison Blanchard, Cumberland; Josiah T. Hawes, Litchfield; Cyrus Hamlin, D. D., Bangor; John O. Fiske, D. D., Bath; E. H. Byington, Andover, Mass.; Edward Chase, Biddeford; Chas. J. H. Ropes, of Ellsworth; C. H. Gates, Kennebunkport; John B. Wheelwright, Deering; I. P. Warren, D. D., Portland; Geo. S. Dickerman, Lewiston; Smith Baker, Lowell, Mass.; T. S. Perry, Cumberland; and Hon. E. S. Woodbury, Paris. The report of the remarks may be found in the Lewiston Journal of June 26, and Ch. Mirror, July 5,—also a report of the discussion at the meeting of the Maine Missionary Society, in the morning, in the same papers.

United in singing, Hymn 898,—

"Soldiers of Christ, arise."—(*Silver Street.*)

The amendment to the second resolution, offered by Rev. Dr. Hamlin, to the effect that a weekly collection should be taken for benevolent purposes, in each church aided by the Maine Missionary Society was laid upon the table:—it being understood that the Trustees of the Society had already established a rule on the subject.

The effort commenced in the morning at the meeting of the Maine Missionary Society, under the direction of Rev. Smith Baker, to secure the amount needed to continue the services of the State Missionary, as the Trustees felt they could not in the present state of the Treasury, make any appropriation for the same, was renewed this evening by Mr. B., and the amount, ($800,) was paid or pledged.

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United in singing,—

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

Benediction, by Rev. Thomas Adams, of the Kennebec Conference. Adjourned.

THIRD DAY.--Thursday, June 26.

6 o'clock A. M. — Prayer-meeting in the Chapel, conducted by Rev. Charles H. Gates, of Kennebunkport. Scripture read, John, 4th chapter.—Christ at the well. Remarks and prayer by the leader, Revs. E. H. Byington, Smith Baker, W. Woodbury, H. F. Harding, C. Hamlin, J. T. Hawes, S. W. Pearson, of Andover; Deacs. E. W. Woodbury, of Bethel, J. E. Haley, of Biddeford, John Hancock, of Litchfield, S. Sewall, of Winthrop, Mrs. Barrows, Mrs. Goodrich, and others.—Verses of Hymns, were sung during the hour, and the meeting was elevating, and helpful.

8 o'clock A. M.—The Moderator read the 110th Psalm.

Sung Hymn, 1036,—

"The praise of Zion waits for thee."—(*Duke Street.*]

Rev. Benjamin P. Snow, of York Conference, led in prayer.

CONGREGATIONAL YEAR-BOOK.

In accordance with a resolution passed by the General Conference in 1878, (Minutes, p. 17,) that we do not advise the churches to contribute a further sum towards the publication of the annual statistics, as recommended by the National Council, the Conference voted, on motion of Rev. T. S. Perry, of Cumberland:—

1.—That as many as desire the Congregational Year-Book enough to pay for it themselves, are hereby requested to send their names to the Corresponding Secretary of this Conference.

2.—That the Corresponding Secretary be directed to send these names to the publishers of the Year-Book, with the notification that no more copies need be sent, or will be paid for.

Remarks were made touching the subject, by Rev. I. P. Warren, D. D., G. S. Dickerman, F. E. Clark, B. P. Snow, and others. The value of such a publication was conceded, but there was a difference of opinion in regard to the manner of issuing it.

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ARTICLES OF FAITH.

Rev. Dr. Hamlin, of Bangor, Chairman of the Committee to whom was referred this subject, prefaced his report, by referring to the examination which he had made of the church manuals of many churches in this State and in other States, and of the difficulty in presenting a satisfactory presentation of the subject. They had selected from twenty-two or more, and had prepared the following statement, or compilation, which seemed to be simple Bible truth.

1.—We believe in one living and true God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—a Being possessed of every possible perfection, infinite in power, wisdom, holiness, justice, mercy, goodness and truth.

2.—We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and that they contain a perfect rule of faith and practice.

3.—We believe that God made all things for his own glory, and the highest possible good of his creatures; and that he governs the universe according to the counsels of his own will, so that all events shall be made subservient to his wide and benevolent designs.

4.—We believe that man was created in the image of God, in a state of rectitude and holiness; that he fell from that state by transgressing the divine law—and that in consequence, the heart of man, in his natural state, is destitute of holiness and inclined to evil.

5.—We believe that Jesus Christ has by his sufferings and death, made atonement for sin and that all who will finally be saved, are justified wholly by grace through the redemption that is in Christ.

6.—We believe that salvation is freely offered unto all men, and that all men are under obligation immediately to embrace the gospel; but that such is the depravity of the human heart, that no man will come to Christ, without the agency of the Holy Spirit.

7.—We believe that the moral law is binding upon all mankind; and that although men are justified through faith, yet a holy life is the indispensable fruit, and only sufficient evidence of regeneration.

8.—We believe that the Christian Sabbath and the Christian Church, with its sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, are of divine institution, and perpetual obligation.

9.—We believe that the Saviour's command to preach the gospel to the unevangelized world, is still binding upon the whole church, and upon every disciple according to his ability.

10.—We believe that there will a resurrection of the just and of the unjust, and a day of general judgment; and that the wicked will go away into everlasting punishment, and the righteous into everlasting life.

On motion of Mr. Barrows, it was voted that the same Committee be requested to prepare, or cause to be prepared, for early publication, a statement of evangelical doctrine,—providing that it is in accordance with reason and the Scriptures, designing to supply a convenient and needed manual for the use of those who are repelled from our churches by their own misapprehensions, or the mis-statements of others,—and that they also prepare and submit some catechetical exercise for families.

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Rev. I. P. Warren, D. D., was appointed to fill the vacancy in the Committee, occasioned by the death of Rev. William Warren, D. D.

This Committee to report next year.

Rev. Dr. Hamlin illustrated the value of simple catechisms in foreign mission fields. Drs. Fiske and Warren and others advocated this plan.

Rev. Francis Southworth, of Portland, suggested that compilations such as are designed in the above vote, be sent by any one to that Committee; they to have the power to make selection of the best, or reject all. For the accepted one, he would be glad to offer a prize of $10.

A recess of Conference was voted, to give opportunity for the annual meeting of the American College and Education Society.

MAINE BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE AND EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Organized in Portland, Nov. 19, 1818.

SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING.

Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath, Vice-President, in the chair.

The Report of the Treasurer, Prof. Henry L. Chapman, of Brunswick, was read by him, and accepted.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from former acct. on hand,	$23.00	
Collection at annual meeting at Auburn,	48.90	
(1) Contributions from nine churches,	284.64	
Five individuals,	27.00	
Bank dividends,	40.00	
Central S. S., Bangor,	50.00	
Parent Society,	25.00	
Loan refunded,	142.80	
		$641.34

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Parent Society by Treasurer,	$312.43	
Paid Parent Society by Churches,	161.11	
Refunded Parent Society,	142.80	
Beneficiary at Bowdoin College,	25.00	
		$641.34

(1) Augusta,	18.43	Bath, Winter st.,	32.55	Portland, High st.	16.60
Bangor, 1st. ch.	13.05	Gorham,	20.00	State st.,	69.99
Central Ch.,	50.00	Kennebunk, Un'n,	6.56		
Hammond st.,	51.40	Orono,	6.06	Total,	$284.64

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Report of the Secretary, Rev. Frank E. Clark, of Portland.

After remarks by Dr. Fiske, proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

OFFICERS OF THE MAINE BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE AND EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Rev. ENOCH POND, D. D.,.....*President*,.....Bangor.
Rev. JOHN O. FISKE, D. D.,.....*Vice-President*,.....Bath.
Rev. FRANK E. CLARK,.....*Secretary*,.....Portland.
Prof. HENRY L. CHAPMAN,.....*Treasurer*,.....Brunswick.
CHARLES N. BATES,.....*Auditor*,.....Brunswick.

DIRECTORS.—President and Secretary, *ex-officiis;* Prof. ALPHEUS S. PACKARD, of Brunswick; and Dea. GEORGE A. THATCHER, of Bangor.

Annual collection, $11.11. Adjourned.

Conference resumed its session.

BARRON MEMORIAL CHURCH.

Rev. J. S. Richards, of Dexter, reported the progress made in the erection of this church. The fund now amounted to $2,350,—of which $1400 has been paid. About $700 has been expended. The amount needed was about $4000. He desired that the subject might be presented to the churches.

Revs. Dr. Warren, P. B. Thayer, of Garland, and A. Redlon, who had knowledge of all the facts, commended the enterprise.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Warren, the following resolution, introduced by him, was adopted:—

That this Conference still approves the enterprise of building a Memorial church in Dexter, to bear the name of the late lamented Deacon, and cordially commends it to the liberality of our churches.

TEMPERANCE.

Rev. Osgood W. Rogers, of Union Conference, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:—

Resolved,—That the Congregational Churches of this State have not made temperance sufficiently prominent in their work; that we, as members of this Conference, earnestly recommend the formation of societies in all our Sabbath Schools, that the principles of temperance, and the other truths of the Bible, may be associated in their instructions; that thanking God for past mercies and blessings, we would urge upon all Christians, the necessity of more earnest efforts, that our children and youth may be fortified against every form of alcoholic poison.

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REPORTS OF DELEGATES TO OTHER BODIES.

Rev. Frank F. Clark, of Portland, was warmly welcomed by the Maine Methodist Conference, at their recent session in Portland; Rev. Herbert A. Loring, of Foxcroft, by the East Maine Conference, at Dover; Rev. J. K. Mason, of Fryeburg, reported by letter that he had sent a fraternal letter to the Baptist Convention at Bangor, not being able to attend in person.

DELEGATES FROM OTHER BODIES.

A letter was read from Rev. Israel Luce, of the Maine Methodist Conference, accepting from us, and extending to us, the brotherhood in Christ Jesus, our common Lord and Saviour.

They express their fellowship in the truth, as it is in Jesus; in every work and labor of love, and in the hope of eternal life. We are workers together in a common field, for a common Master, and are prospered in each others' prosperity.

Rev. Stephen Allen, D. D., of Hallowell, endorsed all that the delegate had said. He believed in a friendly arrangement, not consolidation of denominational work. There was a necessity for co-operation in the sparsely settled places. All evangelical denominations will unite in Christian labor in a time not far distant. He gave the early struggles and discouragements of the academy at Kent's Hill, now so prosperous, as an encouragement to the struggling Hallowell School, which would be also victorious over difficulties.

As Presiding Elder of the Middle District of the Methodist Church, he extended with his hand, the cordial greeting of his people to Rev. F. E. Clark, our delegate to them as representative of this body.

The Moderator, and Rev. Mr. Clark, responded to the greetings and Christian spirit of Dr. Allen.

Rev. Dr. Tappan, of Norridgewock, wished to emphasize this idea of co-operation, and the value of it in economizing men and means, as well as the catholic piety manifested by such a course.

On motion of Rev. Francis Southworth, of Portland, the following resolution was adopted:—

That we now appoint a commission of three to seek the co-operation of a similar commission from the Methodist, Baptist and Free Baptist denominations in our State, to fix upon some intelligent and harmonious method of carrying forward our common work as disciples of the One Lord, in the missionary regions of Maine.

COMMITTEE.—Revs. F. Southworth, J. E. Adams, and Dr. Tappan.

United in singing a hymn of Christian fellowship,—

"How sweet, how heavenly is the sight."

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A communication was received from Rev. Ammi Prince, special delegate associated with Rev. Cyrus Stone, D. D.,—appointed by the East Maine Methodist Conference—"to adjust the matter now pending between the two bodies touching the licensing of certain young men."

The question refers to the licensing to preach by the Penobscot Association of one or more members of the Methodist Church, students in the Seminary, who asked of that Association such certificate or license, for a year, as they would give any student, if qualified to preach.

The matter was acted upon at the last Conference, and the Methodist Conference were referred to the Penobscot Association, as we had no jurisdiction over that body. It was stated to-day by members of that Association, in the discussion of the subject, that the Association had conformed to the wishes of the Methodist Committee, and did not now grant licenses. Rev. Drs. Warren, Tappan, Fiske, Sewall, Hamlin, Revs. A. Blanchard, H. A. Loring, G. R. Merrill, C. A. Beckwith, B. P. Snow and A. L. Park, took part in the discussion, and as the result, on motion of Rev. G. R. Merrill, of Biddeford, adopted the following minute:—

The Conference having listened to communications from the East Maine Methodist Conference, would respectfully reply as follows:—

It is the accepted usage of our churches to set apart to the Gospel ministry among us only those who are members of our churches; and further, to approbate as candidates for the ministry, only members of such churches. We regret that there should have been any departure from these principles among us.

We also express our satisfaction with the recent action of the Penobscot Association, and trust that it will prove equally satisfactory to our brethren, with whom we so greatly desire to continue fraternal relations.

IN MEMORIAM.

Rev. Dr. Hamlin read the Necrology for the year, as prepared by the Recording Secretary. Notices may be found on subsequent pages. Dr. Hamlin gave a brief notice of some whom he knew,—Rev. John A. Douglass, the oldest pastor in the State; Rev. Wm. Warren, D. D., President Woods, Rev. Daniel Dole, and some others.

A Minute prepared by vote of Conference, by Revs. H. S. Huntington, of Gorham, and B. P. Snow, of Alfred, was read and adopted:—

Resolved,—That in the death of Rev. William Warren. D. D., of Gorham, so long known and honored among us—our churches have lost an able minister, a wise counsellor, an earnest and successful advocate of the cause of missions, and a beloved Christian brother.

Resolved,—That we extend to his family our affectionate sympathy in their bereavement; while we rejoice with them in the glad memories and hopes which attend such a consistent life.

United in singing Hymn 1192,—

"How blest the righteous when he dies."

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Rev. STEPHEN THURSTON, D. D.

The following minute, on motion of Rev. I. P. Warren, D. D., was adopted:—

This Conference, assembled in the sanctuary so long distinguished by the faithful ministry of Rev. David Thurston, D. D., whose praise is in all the churches, hereby extend to his brother, and our venerable and beloved father, Rev. Stephen Thurston, D. D.,—still happily with us, but not able by reason of infirmity to attend this Conference,—our affectionate salutations and prayers for his health and happiness in the Lord.

Dea. Brown Thurston, of Portland, communicated a message sent him by Dr. Thurston, that to this Conference and to all his friends, he sent a kind remembrance, and regretted his inability to be present. (See p. 6.)

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Report of the Treasurer, Dea. J. S. Wheelwright, of Bangor, was read.

RECEIPTS.

Collection at annual meeting in Auburn,	$18.23	
From Somerset Conference, balance, 1876,	3.93	
From Somerset Conference, 1877 in pt.,	8.57	
(1) From County Conferences for 1878,	502.39	
		$533.12

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Treasurer, balance due last year,	$17.86	
O. F. Knowles & Co., for Minutes and Blanks 1878,	203.44	
National Council, proportion of expenses, 1877,	195.85	
Postage, Freight and expenses, 1878,	85.21	
Balance on hand to new acct.,	30.76	
		$533 12

(1) Aroostook,	10.00	Kennebec,	35.00	Union,	30.00
Cumberland,	85.92	Lincoln and S.,	55.00	Waldo in pt.,	16.39
Cumberland, N'th	69.08	Oxford in pt.,	1.00	Washington,	32.00
Franklin,	20.00	Penobscot,	50.00	York in pt.,	50.00
Hancock,	25.00	Piscataquis,	23.00		
				Total,	$502.39

The Report, with that of the Auditor, was accepted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Rev. Amos Redlon, of Abbot, for the Chairman of the Committee, made the following report, which was accepted and adopted, as follows:

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COMMITTEES.

Sabbath Schools.

Rev. Webster Woodbury, of Skowhegan.

Publication of Minutes.

Dea. Elnathan F. Duren, of Bangor. Rev. Austin L. Park, of Gardiner.
Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Bangor.

TO VISIT THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, BANGOR.

MEMBERS.	RESIDENCE.	CONFERENCE.
Rev. Zenas Crowell,	Houlton,	*Aroostook.*
Rev. Herbert W. Lathe,	Portland,	*Cumberland.*
Rev. Joseph Torrey, D. D.,	Yarmouth,	*Cumberland, North.*
Rev. J. Loring Pratt,	Strong,	*Franklin.*
Rev. William Forsyth,	Bucksport,	*Hancock.*
Rev. Ezra N. Smith,	Waterville,	*Kennebec.*
Rev. Charles H. Pope,	Thomaston,	*Lincoln & Sagadahoc*
Rev. Stephen L. Bowler,	Bethel,	*Oxford.*
Dea. James H. Farrington,	Orono,	*Penobscot.*
Rev. Charles Davison,	Greenville,	*Piscataquis.*
Rev. William S. Sewall,	St. Albans,	*Somerset.*
Rev. Lewis Goodrich,	Lovell,	*Union.*
Rev. John A. Ross,	Belfast,	*Waldo.*
Rev. Frederic E. Shaw,	East Machias,	*Washington.*
Hon. Joseph Titcomb,	Kennebunk,	*York.*

BOWDOIN COLLEGE.

Conference appointed as Visitors.— Revs. Israel P. Warren, D. D, of Portland; George W. Field, D. D., of Bangor; David B. Sewall, of York; Joseph Torrey, D. D., of Yarmouth; Hon. George B. Barrows, Fryeburg.

HALLOWELL CLASSICAL SCHOOL.

Committee appointed by Conference. — Rev. S. Lewis B. Speare, of Bangor; Col. Charles A. Wing, of Winthrop; Mrs. William H. Fenn, of Portland.

DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Delegates to attend in person, or send a written communication.—Rule 13.

MAINE CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

April, 1880, in Saco.

PRIMARY.	SUBSTITUTE.
Rev. William A. Bosworth, of Deering.	Rev. Abiel H. Wright, of Portland.

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EAST MAINE CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

May, 1880, in Bangor, Union St. Church.

Rev. CHAS. J. H. ROPES, of Ellsworth. Rev. S. LEWIS B. SPEARE, of Bangor.

MAINE BAPTIST MISSIONARY CONVENTION.

June 15, 1880, in Augusta.

Rev. BENJ. B. MERRILL, of Searsport. Rev. JAMES H. ECOB, of Augusta.

FREE WILL BAPTIST YEARLY MEETING.

August 14, 1880, in Bangor.

Rev. ANSON P. TINKER, of Auburn. Rev. CLARENCE A. BECKWITH, of Brewer.

By vote of Conference, [Minutes, 1872, p. 9,] the sending of Delegates to State Conferences is discontinued. Any member of Conference, who may be present at either of the meetings, is authorized to represent this body. A list of State Conferences and Associations, with time and place of meeting, may be found in the Appendix.

NEXT MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

On Tuesday preceding the third Wednesday of June, (15) 1880, at nine o'clock A. M., with the Church of Foxcroft and Dover.

Committee of Arrangements.

Rev. Herbert A. Loring, of Foxcroft; Rev. Charles L. Nichols, of Brownville; Dea. Charles H. B. Woodbury, of Dover. Appointed by Conference to co-operate with them, Rev. George S. Dickerman, of Lewiston; Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, and Rev. Cyrus Hamlin, D. D., of Bangor.

Preacher.

Rev. HERBERT W. LATHE, Portland, *Prim.* Rev. JOHN O. FISKE, D. D., Bath, *Sub.*

Committee on Nominations.

Rev. ABIEL H. WRIGHT, of Cumberland Conference.
Rev. WILLIAM A. MERRILL, of Aroostook Conference.
Rev. WILLIAM FORSYTH, of Hancock Conference.
Rev. AMOS REDLON, of Piscataquis Conference.
Rev. THOMAS G. MITCHELL, of Somerset Conference.
Rev. EDWARD E. BACON, of Oxford Conference.

Treasurer, Dea. JOSEPH S. WHEELWRIGHT, of Bangor; *Auditor*, Dea. WILLIAM S. DENNETT, of Bangor.

Adjourned.

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CLOSING SESSION.

1½ P. M.—Organ Voluntary.

United in singing, Hymn 1226,—

"This is not my place of resting."

Prayer by Rev. Smith Baker, who also read a part of the 5th chapter of John.

The ordinance of baptism was administered by Rev. Professor John S. Sewall, of Bangor, to Mary Perkins, the infant child of the pastor, and by the pastor, Rev. Warren F. Bickford, to Ada Frances, the infant daughter of Howard W. Packard.

SERMON AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.

Sermon by Rev. John G. Leavitt, of New Gloucester.

Text—John v:17, and John x:10. Theme.—Christ, the source and support of spiritual life.

An invitation was given to all who desired to unite in the ordinance of the Supper, to sit with us in its observance.

This was administered, by Rev. Messrs. John B. Wheelwright, of Cumberland Conference, and Wellington R. Cross, of Waldo Conference.

Deacons Samuel W. Larrabee and Brown Thurston, of Portland; Hines L. Crosby, of Benton; Mason S. Metcalf, of Monmouth; John Hancock, of Litchfield; and Stephen Sewall, of Winthrop—distributed the elements.

The annual collection was received. Amount, $14.80.

VOTE OF THANKS.

Rev. Edward Chase, of York Conference, introduced with appropriate remarks, a resolution of thanks to the families by whom we had been so kindly and hospitably entertained,—to the Pastor and Committee—to the organist and choir—and to all, who had been in any way mindful of our convenience and comfort. Also, to the Railroad companies, for the reduction of fare.

The motion was seconded by Rev. Austin L. Park, of Kennebec Conference, with a few added words of thanks, and the resolutions were adopted.

The pastor, Rev. Warren F. Bickford, in behalf of the people, thanked the Conference. They had made their hearts glad by coming. We are united by new and tender ties, and are sorry to have you leave us. We

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hope to have new courage and zeal for the Master's work, and pray that the Lord will go with you, and be with you to the end, giving you an abundant entrance into the new and heavenly life.

The Moderator remarked, that we would close the service of the week by singing the same hymn of Christian fellowship, no doubt sung at the meeting of Conference, in this same place, a half-century ago.

"Blest be the tie, that binds our hearts in Christian love."

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Josiah T. Hawes, of Litchfield,—and the Moderator declared the Conference adjourned, *sine die*.

E. F. DUREN,

Recording Secretary.

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PRELIMINARY SERVICE.

On Monday evening, June 23, a preliminary service was held in the Chapel,—Sermon by Rev. Smith Baker, of Lowell, Mass. Text—Rom. 10:1. Theme:—The one idea and purpose of God in Revelation and in intent, is the salvation of lost men. A discourse peculiarly fitted to prepare the mind for spiritual work during the session.

The devotional exercises were conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. F. Bickford, and Rev. Amos Redlon, of Piscataquis Conference.

WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

On Wednesday afternoon, June 25, at 2 o'clock, the Sixth Annual Meeting of the Maine Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions, was held in the Chapel.

A short devotional meeting was conducted by Mrs. J. E. Pond, of Warren.

The President, Mrs. W. H. Fenn, of Portland, called the meeting to order, reading the Scriptures, and offering prayer.

The roll of the Auxiliary Societies was then called, and delegates responded. The report of the Treasurer, Mrs. W. S. Dana, of Portland, was read by the Home Secretary, Miss Maria D. Gould, of Portland, who also read a letter from Miss Clapp. Money pledged, $3,000; money raised, $3,028.

Mrs. C. F. Smith, of Gorham, presented the report of the nominating committee on officers for the ensuing year, who were elected by ballot.

Miss Sophia Spofford, of Rockland, Corresponding Secretary, read a report of the home work, and the Vice-presidents of the counties present, followed with verbal reports of anything of special interest.

Much interest was manifested in the adoption of Miss Clara Hamlin, a daughter of Rev. Dr. Cyrus Hamlin, soon to leave this country to take charge of the Bulgarian Department of the Constantinople Home; her salary being assumed by the Penobscot and Kennebec Auxiliaries. Some particulars of her education and prospects, were given by Mrs. Wm. G. Duren, of Bangor, and much interest was expressed for the noble young missionary, for whom sympathy and prayer were solicited.

The Secretary's report on the Foreign work was followed by a letter from Mrs. Capron, of India, read by Mrs. C. F. Smith, of Gorham, after which the meeting adjourned.

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CHILDREN'S MEETING.

On Thursday morning, June 26, at 9 o'clock, during the session of Conference in the Church-edifice, on the eastern side, a meeting for the children, provided by the Committee of Arrangements, was held in the Chapel on the western side. Rev. Warren F. Bickford, the pastor at Winthrop, presided. United in singing "Jesus loves me." Prayer by Rev. Edwin S. Tingley, of Turner. Singing, "I have a Saviour." Address by Rev. Frank E. Clark, of Portland. Theme,—How children can do good. Singing, "I hear the Saviour say." Address by Rev. William DePew, of Wiscasset. Subject, Why children should become Christians now. Singing, "What a friend we have in Jesus." Address by Rev. Smith Baker, of Lowell, Mass. Theme,—The wordless book. Singing, "Just as I am." Closing remarks, with benediction by Rev. Austin L. Park, of Gardiner. It was an interesting and profitable meeting to the adults present, as well as to the children. The Chapel was crowded.

A full report of the meetings may be found in the Lewiston Journal, (daily)—June 24—28. A letter in the Journal of June 23, gave some account of Winthrop, and of the session held in that place, in 1830. The Christian Mirror published a full account, with many of the reports, and the Conference Sermon, in full June 28, July 5, 12 The Bangor Whig, and Portland Press, also reported the proceedings, June 25—28. Congregationalist, July 2, Advance, July 3.

REV. DAVID THURSTON, D. D.

It is a singular coincidence that the session of this Conference was held just one hundred years from the birth of Dr. Thurston, so long the pastor of the church. The beautiful tablet of white marble, 3½ by 5½ feet, in the rear of the pulpit in the church-edifice, bears fitting testimony to his memory. The inscription is as follows :

In memory of Rev. David Thurston, D. D. Born in Rowley, Mass., Feb. 6th, 1779. Graduated at Dartmouth College, 1804; ordained and installed, Feb. 18, 1807. Pastor of this church 44 years, and a minister of the Gospel 60 years; President of the American Missionary Association, and of the Maine Branch of the American Education Society. A preacher, discriminating, bold and earnest; a pastor, faithful and affectionate; a theologian sound in the faith; a pioneer in righteous moral reforms; a friend of the slave; an advocate of freedom; a lover of humanity, and a holy man of God. He died May 7, 1865, in the 87th year of his age. "The memory of the just is blessed."

Presented by Hon. Seth May, April, 1871.

THE CHURCH EDIFICE AND CHAPEL.

The walls of this sanctuary have inscribed upon tablets, nine in number, many appropriate and precious truths from the Scriptures, which have been prepared, and presented by Dea. Stephen Sewall.

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In the vestibule, Dea. Sewall furnished his usual generous and gratuitous supply of tracts on the use of intoxicants, and tobacco.

The Chapel also bears upon its walls, nine tablets, the handy-work of Deac. Sewall, and reminds the attendants, of his loving heart, and the truths which he would here impress upon their minds. The inscriptions upon these, and of those in the larger church-edifice, may be found in the Lewiston Journal of June 24 and 27. Over the pulpit, in the chapel, are photographs of some of the pastors.

There is, up stairs, a large and convenient room, which has been used by some of the pastors as a study. The ministerial library is here arranged on shelves, bearing testimony to one of the means the good pastor put into operation to benefit his people. Each book has the inscription: "Ministerial Library, founded by the pastor, Rev. David Thurston, in 1838. Give attendance to reading." The books, as might be expected, are not trashy reading. He also established a church library.

The weather during the week was pleasant, enabling us to enjoy the beautiful scenery of Winthrop; the greetings of friends hearty; the sessions of the Conference well attended, and the spirit of the meeting, earnest and quickening. Cool water in the vestibule, and flowers in the church, added to the comfort and beauty of the occasion: The morning prayer-meetings were eminently social, impressive and helpful.

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Report on the State of the Churches.

In presenting my sixth, and last, annual report of the Congregational churches of Maine, I wish to recognize in them, first of all, that spiritual presence which makes them churches of Christ, and gives them all their spiritual life and power. In the Book of Revelation, the first vision is of the "seven golden candlesticks," and "in the midst of the seven candlesticks, one like unto the Son of man," who had "in his right hand seven stars," which "are the angels of the seven churches." The first message in that Book, was expressly said to be from him "that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand," and "who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks." We are tempted to think of churches as mere organizations,—of the earth,—and for the earth,—dependent for their growth upon our enterprise and wisdom. So that we take some credit to ourselves, when we go forth and number our Israel, and count the abundant gifts that have come into the treasury, and the new meeting-houses that have been built, and the hundreds of new converts that have been gathered into the churches.

But we know very well that a mere gathering of people, without the presence of Christ, can have no spritual efficiency. We know that every true church has Christ for its head, and that its legitimate power is His gift. There is, therefore, in every church, (as a living temple,) this most precious thing,—the Lord Jesus Christ, really and truly present; training the members of His flock by means of His truth, and His ministers, and His providence, for a higher life;—and at the same time sending out, by means of His disciples, a spiritual power for the healing and the salvation of men.

When we inquire, therefore, (as we do to-day,) concerning the state of the churches,—we seek to know how much of the real presence of Christ they have enjoyed; how much of His spirit they have manifested; how much of His work they have done; and how much of His own power has been present in their assemblies, for the training of a godly generation, and for the conversion of such as are without. If we make this inquiry in the right spirit, we shall make it with great solicitude as well as humility. If we find that the Lord has been walking among the

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golden candlesticks, we shall be very thankful. If we fail to discover the evident tokens of His presence, we shall understand that *we* have hindered Him from the mighty works which He was ready to accomplish.

But it is very difficult to set forth, in the words and figures of a report, a true account of these spiritual processes and results. We can sit over against the treasury, and count the gifts, but we remember that the Master said, that the poor widow had cast in more than they all, though it was only a farthing. We can tell of the multitudes who throng our assemblies, and of the splendor of our places of worship, of the musical accomplishments of our choirs, and the learning and eloquence of our preachers; but all this does not certainly prove that we are "a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people," showing "forth the praises of Him who has called us." We may even gather up the accounts of revivals of religion, and count the number of those who have been added to the churches, but we cannot be quite certain whether all these have been converted by the truth, and to the truth; or whether there has been gathered much "wood, hay, and stubble," "whose end is to be burned." "The kingdom of God cometh not with observation." "The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven," and when we have added the columns in our statistical tables, we cannot be quite sure that we know how far the leaven has gone. The best results are such as cannot be expressed by our methods. The growth of love and of faith; advancement in holiness;—the meekness and gentleness and patience of the saints;—unselfish devotion to the truth and to Christ,—it would be as easy to weigh the beauty of a rose, or measure the songs of birds with a yard-stick, as to tabulate these most precious fruits of the Spirit.

Still we can learn something concerning the outward condition of our churches, at least, by the reports.

First of all, we should record with thankfulness that God has kept these churches through another year. In nearly all of them the gospel has been preached. A few have had the services of a minister only a few weeks. But the most have gathered for worship every Sabbath day. The truth has been preached: the old truth which our fathers learned to love; the truth which has long ago become "historic." The Maine Missionary Society, and the other organizations through which our churches do their benevolent work, have had a year of prosperity. So the great system of Christian influence and usefulness has been preserved.

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If the direct results of our religious work have not appeared to be as great as they were last year;—especially, if revivals of religion have not been as extensive as then, we should bear in mind that last year was exceptional in these respects. It is a cause for gratitude that this year, has been far above the average in respect to the number and extent of revivals of religion, and the numbers added to our churches.

In WASHINGTON CONFERENCE the remarkable revivals with which the churches were blessed a year ago, have brought one hundred and sixty-five into these churches on profession of faith, thus adding twelve per cent. to the membership. There has been a net gain this year of one hundred and thirty-eight. Fourteen of the nineteen churches have received additions. Within the two years, four hundred and fifty have been gathered into these favored churches.

The churches in AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE have much of encouragement in the results of the year. At Houlton, the effort to remove aud reconstruct the old church has been remarkably successful. The new house, more glorious than the old, is completed and paid for. At Island Falls "there has been much revival interest," which continues to this day, and some have been added to the church. At Presque Isle there has been an encouraging state of religious feeling. At Sherman Mills there was a season of revival during the winter: fourteen have been added to the church, and six are now propounded for admission. At Fort Fairfield the minister has preached three times on the Sabbath; the prayer-meetings have been encouraging, and a part of the church debt has been paid. Thirty-one have been added to the churches in this Conference, and twelve removed.

There has been a net gain in PENOBSCOT CONFERENCE of one hundred and thirty-nine, larger than in any other Conference. There have been extensive revivals of religion in the two congregations in Brewer, and in the First church in Bangor. The First church in Brewer has received forty-six, the Village church thirty-two, the church in Oldtown twenty-two, and the First church in Bangor forty-four by profession of faith, a number larger than has been added by profession to any other church in the State. A new church with thirty-four members was organized at East Bangor in June of last year.

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The churches in HANCOCK CONFERENCE have added twice as many as they have lost. "The churches in West Brooksville, Orland, and Castine, have been blessed with revivals during the year, and they still enjoy an unusual measure of the presence of the divine Spirit. There have been hopeful conversions, and additions to the churches in some other places, not attended by special revival interest, while in all, the good seed has been sown, and the harvest is looked for with confidence."

Very few have been added to the churches in WALDO CONFERENCE this year, only fifteen in all; the number of removals twenty-five. The report which has been forwarded to me, contains nothing but statistics.

The ten churches in PISCATAQUIS CONFERENCE have added twenty-nine, and lost twenty-nine. "There have been no extensive revivals." Yet the pastor at Dexter writes: "Our Sabbath-school has nearly doubled, and the church is more prosperous than for a number of years. We expect to receive several new members at the next communion. The benevolent contributions have been much larger than in former years, and the church is full of hope and courage." The new church building has been commenced, and is now well on its way. There have been eight or ten conversions in Foxcroft and Dover, as the result of missionary effort in outlying districts.

The twelve churches in SOMERSET CONFERENCE report the addition of only seven by profession of faith, and a net loss for the year of nine. The reporter states that the church in Skowhegan is the only one in which there has been any special religious interest. The number reported in the Sabbath-schools is less than last year.

A very full and discriminating report has been received from LINCOLN and SAGADAHOC CONFERENCE, which presents a comparative view of the state of things last year and this. Last year there was a net gain of ninety-six, the result of a number of revivals of religion; this year there has been a net loss of twenty-one; last year there were seven pastors, this year six; last year seven acting pastors, this year eight; last year eight churches were vacant, this year seven. Twelve churches have received additions. — Winter street, Bath, six; Boothbay First, two; Bristol, three; New Castle Second, one; Phipsburg, two; Rockland,

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nine; Thomaston, two; Topsham, two; Union, five; Warren, one; Wiscasset, one; Woolwich, two. Ten churches have received no additions. Contributions have fallen off $748; but legacies have been received from the estate of Rev. Dr. Ellingwood, formerly of Bath, as follows: Maine Missionary Society, $2000; American Board of Foreign Missions, $2000; American Colonization Society, $2000; American and Foreign Christian Union, $2000; American Tract Society, Boston, $2000; American College and Education Society, $2000. Total, $12,000. The church at Lisbon Falls reports ten members, all women. One of these women writes as follows: "We are the remnants of an old church. Once there was no church but ours; now there are two others. Our house of worship became old, and it has been taken down. Yet our village has become large and prosperous. I have thought that some time the course of things would change, so that we should be built up again. At present the Congregationalists worship with churches of other denominations, and unite with them in Christian work." There is a tone of sadness running through this letter from a dying church, which is fitted to touch our hearts. The affections which connect themselves with a true church of Christ are very strong, and no such church dies without awakening many sad thoughts.

Kennebec Conference again reports a larger number of removals than of additions. From the statistical report, we learn that fifteen have been added to the church in Waterville, and seventeen to six others, while seven have not received any during the year. A pastor has been installed at Hallowell.

Two pastors have been dismissed in Franklin Conference,—all there were. Six churches are supplied by acting pastors, one by a licentiate, and three are vacant. Eleven have been added to the churches, and nineteen removed. The reporter says, "We have no revivals to report, yet the state of things in the County is much more hopeful than at the beginning of the year. There is light ahead."

Oxford Conference reports a gain of sixteen. The church at South Paris has enjoyed a season of refreshing, as a result of which, twenty-four have been added to its membership. There has been a revival at Oxford, and an addition of thirteen members. Seasons of revival are also reported at Norway Second, and at Sumner.

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We have an encouraging report from UNION CONFERENCE. Seventy-four have been added to the churches, and forty-one removed. "There have been seasons of revival in Bridgton, North Bridgton, Harrison, Chatham, Waterford, and North Waterford. Some of the converts have already been gathered into the churches, and others are expected at the next season of communion." The reporter adds, "Our annual Conference agitated the question concerning the use of tobacco, and recommended the churches to labor and pray for the eradication of this evil habit. We believe this is the beginning of the end which will give us purer churches, and larger benevolent contributions."

From YORK CONFERENCE, we have a report of an interesting revival of religion at Alfred. It continued several months, and added a great deal to the spiritual life of the church. Seven have already been added to its membership, and others are expected. The week of prayer was observed with interest at Lyman, and extra meetings were held for weeks following. The other churches do not report any special religious interest, although Biddeford Second has added nine, the Pavilion church five, the church in Saco four, and that in South Berwick three. The First church in Wells has been involved in difficulties, and called a council to assist in adjusting them. On a general review of the state of the churches, I find that there has been a net loss this year of sixty-two, as there was a loss last year of seventeen. For a number of years before, these churches seemed to be in the very centre of revival influences; now for two years the additions do not make up for the removals.

CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE, which included last year forty-two churches, with five thousand seven hundred and forty-one members, has become two; twenty of the churches, with one from Oxford, uniting to form a new Conference. Cumberland has now twenty-two churches, with a membership of three thousand two hundred and sixty. Fourteen of these have pastors, another has called a pastor who is to be installed within a few weeks, five have acting pastors and two are vacant. The churches of this Conference have received eighty-eight members by profession of faith this year; last year, the same churches received one hundred and ninety-eight. There has been a net gain this year of eighty-five.

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The Williston church in Portland has completed its house of worship, at a cost of $24,000, which sum has been paid, or definitely provided for. There has been a good degree of religious interest in this church. Additions have been made at every communion season, the whole number for the year, being thirty-one by profession, and forty-three by letter, so that this church has now one hundred and ninety members. The church in Baldwin, so lately given up to die, has received this year twenty-one members, so that it has now a total of forty-two. A pastor has been installed at Cumberland Mills, and another at the First church in Falmouth. Eighteen of the twenty-two churches report additions by profession of faith, or by letter.

The new Conference, called Cumberland North, was organized at Freeport, Nov. 12, 1878. It includes twenty-one churches, with a membership of two thousand six hundred and ninety-two. It has received one hundred and thirty-three during the year, a net gain of forty-nine. Six of the churches have pastors, twelve acting pastors, two are supplied by licentiates, and one is vacant. Fifteen churches have received additions, six have received none. The Central Ch. in Yarmouth has settled a pastor, Pine street church in Lewiston has received seventeen members; the church at Mechanic Falls has been much strengthened by the addition of eighteen new members; Poland, which reported only seven a year ago, has received thirteen; Brunswick reports the reception of four members by profession of faith; North Yarmouth has received thirteen, and High street in Auburn, eight.

Altogether we have fifteen Conferences, including two hundred and forty-three churches, one (Bangor East,) having been formed during the year.

Sixty-one of these churches have pastors, one hundred and three have acting pastors, forty-two are supplied by licentiates, or students, and thirty-seven are vacant.

We have one hundred and ninety ministers. Sixty of them are pastors of churches, seventy-eight are acting pastors, fifty-two are without charge. Including pastors and acting pastors, there are one hundred and thirty ministers in active service. These supply one hnndred and sixty-four churches. Thirty-two licentiates and ten students are at present in charge of churches.

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Mr. Park has gathered the Associations.

The whole number of members in the churches, is as follows:—Males, six thousand four hundred and eighty-one; females, fifteen thousand and seventy-seven; total, twenty-one thousand five hundred and fifty-eight. This includes the five churches, not reporting this year, as having the same number of members as last year, viz:—Belfast North, twenty-five; Dixmont and Plymouth, three; Lee, eight; Passadumkeag, eight; Vassalboro, fourteen; total, fifty-eight.

The number reported absent, is four thousand two hundred and seventy-five; or about twenty per cent.

The number added to the churches on profession of faith is seven hundred and ninety-seven; by letter, three hundred and fifty-one; whole number, eleven hundred and forty-eight.

The number removed by death is four hundred and two; by dismission, three hundred and twenty; by discipline, thirty-five; the whole number of removals, is seven hundred and fifty-seven. The net gain is therefore three hundred and ninety-one.

The number of adults baptized is five hundred and seventy; of infants, one hundred and forty-two. These figures, compared with the number received on profession of faith, show that not quite thirty per cent. of the new members were baptized in their infancy.

The whole number in the Sabbath Schools is twenty-two thousand one hundred and thirty-one.

The number of families connected with the congregations of two hundred and thirteen, of the two hundred and sixty-three churches who have reported, is twelve thousand seven hundred and ninety-four—reckoning the same average of the remaining fifty, to be two thousand four hundred and thirty-two, the whole number would be fifteen thousand two hundred and twenty-six.

The reports of contributions foot up as follows: Foreign Missions, $9,000; College and Education, $1,090; Congregational Union, $1,884; Home Missions, $8,325; American Missionary Association, $2,620; other objects, $9,683; Total, $32,602.

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Using this year the schedule recommended by the National Council, I have asked the churches to report the amount of Home expenditures. One hundred and fifty-nine have responded, and the amount of expenditures reported by them is $176,373.

This, Brethren of the Conference, is the substance of the reports which have come up this year from the Churches, and from the Conferences. These are the facts concerning the outward condition of our Zion, and if we study them thoughtfully, they will tell us a good deal concerning the inner life and the spiritual growth of our churches.

We need first of all to grasp the general interests and resources of the Congregational churches of Maine. We have,—speaking in general terms,—about two hundred congregations, which meet with more or less regularity, for divine worship. Connected with these we have a constituency, indicated by our reports, of sixty thousand persons, or more. A grand constituency this, including very nearly one-fifth the population of the State. These sixty thousand persons have been accustomed to attend the public services of our churches. They have, in large part, grown up under such religious instruction and influences as the puritan ministry and the puritan churches impart. This great body of people, therefore, differ in important respects from their fellow-citizens, in so far as their religious training has differed from that of other people.

This is our field of labour, and of usefulness.

Of this body of sixty thonsand people, twenty-one thousand five hundred and fifty-eight are members of our churches, that is to say, a little more than one-third of our constituency are communicants, so that we have almost forty thousand persons, old and young, (counting all ages as the census does,) almost forty thousand persons of this puritan element in the State, yet to be brought into the communion of God's saints.

THAT IS OUR WORK.

How far are we doing this work? We have added to our churches this year, on profession of faith, seven hundred and ninety-seven out of nearly forty thousand people of puritan training and puritan tendencies. That is, we have brought into the communion of God's saints, within twelve months, one in fifty of those who worship with us.

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Is that all we should expect to do with all this religious apparatus,—the expenditure of so much time and money in the support of our religious institutions,—in the training of Christian men in academy, college and seminary,—in the various direct and indirect means and appliances that we use for the advancement of the kingdom of God?

We may look at results in another way. The number added to the churches, seven hundred and ninety-seven, is equal to an average of three and one-fifth to each church. Or, taking the number of ministers in active service, it is an average of six for each minister in active service. Or, taking the whole number of members of our churches, we have one new member to every twenty-seven old members.

Let us look at these results. Is it all that we should expect, that in a whole year twenty-seven of the disciples of our Lord should bring only one person to his service? Have we not a right to expect that a minister of Christ will succeed in leading more than six of his people to Christ in a whole year? Three and one-fifth to each church,—is that a result such as ought to satisfy the people of God? A church of Christ, with its ministers, Sabbath schools, all its means and agencies for good,—working not among pagans, but among people who have been trained in a puritan congregation,—should it be content with such an average result of Christian labor?

If we could know all the members of our Congregational churches, we should be able to measure the spiritual power of these churches in another way. Looking now inside the churches:—what is the measure of Christian consecration which we find? How much does a religious experience raise the life of the average member of a church above the general level in a religious community? How large a proportion of the members of our churches are persons of so much spiritual power that they are fitted to lead their fellow-men to the service of Christ?

It is not for us to presume to furnish a reply to inquiries like these. But I am sure we shall agree in the opinion that there is a possible power in true religion very far in advance of the power which we have yet developed. We shall agree also, I think, that the most urgent questions before a body like this, relate to the means of developing this spiritual power, and of making it effective in the conversion of the masses of the people, and in the purification and sanctification of the church.

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I will add but a single remark, the result of the study I have given for six years past to the reports that have come, each year, from all these churches. It is this: that the real and permanent advance of religion in these churches, has been secured only by the patient, faithful use of the ordinary means of grace. I have been again and again disappointed in the final result of the various extraordinary means and agencies which have been brought into use. Very often there has been an apparent gain, only to be followed by a disastrous re-action. Those sections of the State, and those churches where the growth has been most regular and rapid, are the sections and the churches where the main reliance has been upon the piety and fidelity of the minister and the members of the church in cultivating their own field, and training their children and youth in the word and the ordinances of God. The Spirit works most naturally with those who are faithful in building each one over against his own house and vineyard.

E. HOYT BYINGTON,
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Winthrop, June 24, 1879.

On page 40, seventh paragraph, the number of churches should have been printed two hundred and forty-three, and the churches which had not reported the number of families, as thirty. The average is not materially affected. (*Pub. Com.*)

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STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

For the year ending May 4, 1879.

AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE, Reported by Rev. Charles N. Sinnett.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.				Ch. Members May 4, 1879.				Added dur'g yr.			Removed dur'g year.								Contributions. (Dollars.)							
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor, Acting Pastor, Licentiate.	Ordained.	Installed, or Present Ministry commenced.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismission.	Discipline.	Total.	Baptized—Adults.	Baptized—Infants.	Sabbath School, Whole No. May, 1879.	Families, May, 1879.	Foreign Missions.	College and Education.	Congregational Union.	Home Missions.	Am. Miss'y Association.	Other Objects.	Total Amount.	Home Expenditures.
Caribou	1869 July 18	[Richard S. Whidden]..	Lic.	.....	1878 June 9	9	15	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	98	....	0	1	0	44	0	0	45	.....
Carroll and Springfield	1846 Mar. 14	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	4	10	14	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36
Fort Fairfield	1844 Oct. 8	Charles N. Sinnett.....	A.P.	1875 May 31	1877 July 8	27	31	58	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	120	....	0	0	5	15	0	20	40	.....
Houlton	1833 Jan. 24	Zenas Crowell.....	P.	1877 Dec. 19	1877 Dec. 19	18	35	53	10	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	140	45	10	0	10	20	5	5	50	3300
Island Falls	1859 Sept. 21	William A. Merrill.....	A.P.	1852 Oct. 27	1876 Jan. 1	6	8	14	3	1	3	4	0	2	0	2	1	0	47	15	0	0	0	0	0	22	22	.....
Lee	1863 July 10	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	2	6	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....
Passadumkeag	1845 Mar. 1	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	2	6	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....
Patten	1840 Mar. 1	[Henry A. Reynolds]...	Lic.	.....	1879 July 1	12	33	45	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	90	....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90
Presque Isle	1865 July 25	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	6	15	21	3	2	0	2	0	1	0	1	2	0	....	....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	250
Sherman (Washburn Memorial ch.)	1861 May 29	William A. Merrill.....	A.P.	1852 Oct. 27	1876 Jan. 1	35	65	100	30	13	1	14	0	2	2	4	13	0	230	75	4	0	14	12	0	27	57	.....
Ten.						121	224	345	58	16	4	20	3	6	2	11	16	0	750	135	20	1	29	128	5	74	257	3576

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CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.				Ch. Members May 4, 1879.				Added dur'g yr.			Removed dur'g year.				Baptized—Adults.	Baptized—Infants.	Sabbath School. Whole No. May. 1879.	Families, May, 1879.	Contributions. (Dollars.)						
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor, Acting Pastor, Licentiate.	Ordained.	Installed, or Present Ministry commenced.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismission.	Discipline.	Total.					Foreign Missions.	College and Education.	Congregational Union.	Home Missions.	Am. Miss'y Association.	Other Objects.	Total Amount.	Home Expenditures.
Baldwin	1821 May 16	Richard Wickett	A.P.	1877 Dec. 5	1877 June 6	9	33	42	2	15	6	21	2	0	0	2	12	0	80	70	0	0	0	11	0	0	11	600
Cape Elizabeth, First	1734 Sept.10	Edwin A. Harlow	P.	1863 Aug. 26	1871 Nov. 21	14	42	56	8	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	1	0	130	175	10	0	0	0	0	0	10	900
Cape Elizabeth, (Ligonia)	1869 Mar. 14	[William E. Gould]	Lay.		1877 May 1	38	57	95	1	1	7	8	0	12	0	12	0	1	138	33	35	0	0	7	0	0	42	143
Deering, First	1765 Apr. 8	Vacant				2	10	12	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	23	0	0	23	
Deering, Woodford's Cor.	1872 Sept. 4	William A. Bosworth	P.	1871 Oct.	1875 Nov. 10	33	72	105	11	2	2	4	2	1	1	4	2	3	190	120	42	0	0	37	0	12	91	2750
Falmouth, First	1754 June	Arthur N. Ward	P.	1879 Feb. 25	1879 Feb. 25	24	96	120	15	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	75	84	34	0	0	14	0	0	48	600
Falmouth, Second	1830 Sept.15	Wm. Henry Haskell	A.P.	1863 Mar. 17	1869 Jan. 1	27	69	96	35	1	2	3	1	2	0	3	1	0	80	50	54	0	0	26	38	0	118	800
Gorham	1750 Apr. 4	Henry S. Huntington	P.	1866 Jan. 31	1877 June11	70	185	255	63	6	5	11	9	1	0	10	5	1	250	210	549	21	0	214	123	99	1006	2600
Portland. Second Parish	1787 Nov. 30	Charles A. Dickinson	P.E.	1879 Sept.	1879 Sept.	113	371	484	50	9	7	16	4	12	0	16	4	3	433	218	250	0	0	50	0	200	500	3966
Portland. High Street	1831 Sept. 9	William H. Fenn	P.	1859 Feb. 20	1866 July 25	105	291	396	68	5	2	7	3	8	0	11	3	4	252	204	754	15	78	375	90	1449	2761	4250
Portland. Fourth (Abyssinian)	1835 Aug. 7	Vacant				8	7	15	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	24		1	0	0	0	0	0		
Portland. Bethel	1840 Sept.24	Francis Southworth	P.	1857 Oct. 28	1866 June11	39	48	87	31	0	1	1	0	2	0	2	0	4	100	14	33	0	4	0	30	200	267	1300
Portland. State Street	1852 Mar. 17	Edward Y. Hincks	P.	1870 Oct. 18	1870 Oct. 18	121	286	407	50	1	7	8	7	7	0	14	0	2	270	210	444	70	69	514	395	1100	2592	7000
Portland. St. Lawrence Street	1858 Feb. 19	Abiel H. Wright	P.	1866 Nov. 1	1871 Apr. 19	77	124	201	35	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	1	170	100	46	0	0	20	0	54	120	2000
Portland. West	1862 Sept.17	John F. Morgan	A.P.	1865 July 27	1874 Nov. 8	18	47	65	16	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	150	50	0	0	0	0	0	10	10	1200
Plymouth	1869 Dec. 29	Herbert W. Lathe	P.	1877 Sept.27	1877 Sept.27	76	188	264	50	4	7	11	2	4	0	6	1	2	280	100	234	0	0	111	0	233	578	2713
Williston	1873 Feb. 5	Frank E. Clark	P.	1876 Oct. 19	1876 Oct. 19	53	137	190	14	31	43	74	2	7	0	9	18	18	309	210	34	0	0	30	21	135	220	13000
Scarborough	1728 June26	Fred de Bos	A.P.	1874 July 20	1879 April	16	29	45	10	0	0	0	6	0	0	6	0	0	68	40	50	0	0	30	30	25	135	
Standish, Evangelical	1834 Feb. 5	John P. Trowbridge	P.	1874 Sept.17	1874 Sept.17	4	33	37	11	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	48	50	22	0	0	13	3	0	38	580
Westbrook, Saccarappa	1832 Jan. 17	Henry B. Mead	P.	1871 June 7	1875 Feb. 10	37	98	135	10	4	3	7	4	1	0	5	2	1	225	130	20	0	20	0	0	0	40	2000
Westbrook, Warren Ch.	1869 Sept.30	Edward S. Tead	P.	1878 Sept.1	1878 Sept.17	34	59	93	20	2	8	10	0	0	0	0	1	1	196	70	30	0	0	35	0	50	115	1222
Windham	1743 Dec. 14	Luther Wiswall	P.	1837 Aug. 12	1854 Sept.20	15	45	60	12	2	4	6	3	0	0	3	2	2	35	35	0	0	0	25	0	15	40	450
Twenty-two.						933	2327	3260	516	88	106	194	49	59	1	109	53	43	3503	2173	2642	106	171	1535	730	3582	8766	48074

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CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.				Ch. Members May 4, 1879.				Added dur'g yr.			Removed dur'g year.								Contributions. (Dollars.)							
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor, Acting Pastor, Licentiate.	Ordained.	Installed, or Present Ministry commenced.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismission.	Discipline.	Total.	Baptized—Adults.	Baptized—Infants.	Sabbath School, Whole No. May, 1879.	Families, May, 1879.	Foreign Missions.	College and Education.	Congregational Union.	Home Missions.	Am. Miss'y Association.	Other Objects.	Total Amount.	Home Expenditures.
Auburn, High street	1826 Feb. 8	Anson P. Tinker	P.	1873 Oct. 16	1873 Oct 16	134	260	394	140	7	1	8	6	4	0	10	7	1	265	....	300	0	0	0	0	325	625	4000
Auburn, Sixth street	1875 Sept.16	Lauriston Reynolds	A.P.	1875 Sept.16	1875 June16	24	32	56	10	6	0	6	1	0	0	1	6	1	150	100	12	0	0	5	0	0	17	850
Auburn, West	1844 Apr. 30	Joseph S. Cogswell	A.P.	1868 Nov. 18	1875 Oct. 31	44	67	111	38	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	60	56	31	0	0	8	5	3	47	1000
Brunswick	1747 June.	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	52	186	238	49	4	0	4	1	4	0	5	3	0	160	200	203	0	70	102	15	57	447	2230
Cumberland	1793 Sept.15	Trueman S. Perry	A.P.	1873 June18	1874 July 26	42	94	136	20	3	5	8	8	3	0	11	1	0	140	90	67	0	0	18	18	66	169	950
Durham	1776 Mar. 9	Richard Wickett	A.P.	1877 Dec. 5	1879 July 6	9	16	25	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	273
Freeport	1789 Dec. 21	[Preston B. Wing]	Lic.	.....	1879 June 1	25	93	118	20	8	1	9	1	1	0	2	8	1	120	....	50	0	0	20	0	0	70	.....
Freeport, South	1857 July 9	Horatio Ilsley	A.P.	1837 Oct. 26	1879 Jan. 1	28	74	102	20	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	0	....	60	66	0	0	40	4	0	110	.....
Gray	1803 Oct. 2	Ebenezer Bean	A.P.	1862 Mar. 5	1877 Feb. 1	27	54	81	10	10	2	12	1	1	0	2	7	1	80	40	5	0	0	25	0	0	30	860
Harpswell	1753	Elijah Kellogg	A.P.	1844 June18	1871.	27	52	79	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	30	4	0	0	2	0	15	21	250
Lewiston, Pine street	1854 Aug. 8	George S. Dickerman	P.	1868 Aug. 5	1874 Mar. 12	109	248	357	85	9	8	17	2	8	1	11	6	3	225	230	168	3	38	29	99	22	359	4602
Mechanic Falls	1840 June15	Frederick E. Emrich	P.	1875 Sept.16	1875 Sept.16	13	42	55	5	7	11	18	1	3	0	4	3	1	85	50	11	0	0	14	21	0	46	650
Minot Centre	1791 Sept. 8	[John J. Carruthers]	Lic.	.....	1879 June 8	41	73	114	52	8	0	8	2	1	0	3	3	0	....	23	42	0	0	11	0	0	53	174
Minot West, and Hebron	1802 Oct. 18	Frederick E. Emrich	A.P.	1875 Sept.16	1879 Jan. 1	9	11	20	4	0	0	0	4	1	0	5	0	0	....	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	255
New Gloucester	1765 Jan. 16	John G. Leavitt	P.	1870 June27	1875 Dec. 7	85	110	195	40	5	0	5	2	0	0	2	4	0	100	150	125	0	0	0	0	209	334	1500
North Yarmouth	1806 Sept.30	Thomas M. Davies	A.P.	1869 Mar. 14	1877 July 1	52	52	104	15	7	6	13	2	0	0	2	4	0	102	85	5	0	5	11	0	42	63	2200
Poland	1825 Nov. 2	Frederick E. Emrich	A.P.	1875 Sept.16	1878 May 1	9	13	22	1	9	4	13	0	0	0	0	9	0	50	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	115
Pownal	1811 Mar. 20	Richard Wickett	A.P.	1877 Dec. 5	1879 July 1	19	42	61	21	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	....	40	9	0	0	0	0	0	9	255
Turner	1803 Oct. 18	Edwin S. Tingley	A.P.	1871 Feb. 1	1877 Apr 1	38	56	94	11	3	3	6	1	3	0	4	3	0	96	52	0	0	10	23	0	13	46	850
Yarmouth, First	1730 Nov. 18	Joseph Torrey, D.D.	P.	1860 May 30	1875 Mar. 3	88	182	270	27	0	5	5	6	1	0	7	0	1	235	180	223	10	90	120	91	302	836	2000
Yarmouth, Central	1759 Apr. 27	Francis W. Sanborn	P.	1878 Dec. 18	1878 Dec. 18	20	40	60	5	0	1	1	3	2	0	5	0	0	65	54	77	0	0	55	0	27	159	1400
Twenty-one						895	1797	2692	598	86	47	133	45	38	1	84	64	9	2033	1530	1398	13	213	483	253	1081	3441	24414

FRANKLIN CONFERENCE, Reported Rev. J. Loring Pratt.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.				Ch. Members May 4, 1879.				Added dur'g yr.			Removed dur'g year.								Contributions. (Dollars.)							
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor, Acting Pastor, Licentiate.	Ordained.	Installed, or Present Ministry commenced.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismission.	Discipline.	Total.	Baptized—Adults.	Baptized—Infants.	Sabbath School, Whole No. May, 1879.	Families, May, 1879.	Foreign Missions.	College and Education.	Congregational Union	Home Missions.	Am. Miss'y Association.	Other Objects.	Total Amount.	Home Expenditues.
Farmington, First	1814 Oct. 14	Albert W. Moore	A.P.	1873 Jan. 22	1879 Mar. 1	79	174	253	39	0	4	4	1	4	0	5	0	0	250	110	56	0	15	98	19	75	263	1400
Farmington Falls	1859 Mar. 5	Daniel O. Clark	A.P.	1878 June20	1878 June 1	8	23	31	4	2	3	5	1	2	0	3	0	0	125	21	0	0	5	5	0	0	10	700
Industry	1808 July 5	[Jabez Backus]	Lic.	.....	1879 May 18	18	20	38	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	30	0	0	0	20	0	0	20	.....
New Sharon	1801 Feb. 11	Daniel O. Clark	A.P.	1878 June20	1878 June 1	48	85	133	17	1	1	2	2	6	2	10	1	0	55	50	3	0	0	0	0	3	6	700
New Vineyard	1828 Sept. 3	[Jabez Backus]	Lic.	.....	1879 May 18	9	10	19	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	11	0	0	0	24	0	0	24	.....
Phillips	1822 Oct. 9	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	5	11	16	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	11	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	.....
Strong	1810 Mar. 3	J. Loring Pratt	A.P.	1867 Nov. 7	1875 July 1	37	57	94	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	112	55	2	0	0	9	1	11	23	.....
Temple	1805 Sept.16	Robert Peacock Jr.	Lic.	.....	1878 July 1	24	46	70	14	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	100	50	5	0	0	15	0	0	20	.....
Weld	1809 Aug.17	John G. Wilson	A.P.	1851 Dec. 12	1878 Oct. 1	17	26	43	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	54	22	5	0	1	21	0	3	30	250
Wilton	1819 Feb. 16	Uriah W. Small	A.P.	1859 Sept.22	1876 July 1	27	58	85	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	25	26	0	11	39	9	0	85	.....
Ten.						272	510	782	154	3	8	11	5	12	2	19	1	0	851	385	97	0	32	236	29	92	486	3050

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HANCOCK CONFERENCE, Reported by Rev. Daniel W. Hardy.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.				Ch. Members May 4, 1879.				Added dur'g yr.			Removed dur'g year.								Contributions. (Dollars.)							
Name and Place.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor, Acting Pastor, Licentiate.	Ordained.	Installed, or Present Ministry commenced.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismission.	Discipline.	Total.	Baptized—Adults	Baptized—Infants.	Sabbath School, Whole No. May, 1879.	Families, May, 1879.	Foreign Missions.	College and Education.	Congregational Union.	Home Missions.	Am. Miss'y Association.	Other Objects.	Total Amount.	Home Expenditures.
Amherst and Aurora	1830 Sept.14	[George E. Chapin]	Lic.	.....	1877 Sept.23	12	36	48	4	10	2	12	2	0	0	2	8	0	40	33	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	241
Bluehill	1772 Oct. 7	Daniel W. Hardy	A.P.	1874 Oct. 20	1877 Oct. 7	29	68	97	28	0	3	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	113	65	15	0	0	19	15	6	55	750
Brooksville, West	1826 Jan. 4	George S. Kemp	A.P.	1856 Feb. 28	1877 May 4	36	66	102	15	19	1	20	2	0	0	2	11	6	115	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....
Bucksport	1803 May 12	William Forsyth	P.	1870 Sept.15	1870 Sept.15	35	98	133	25	5	3	8	8	1	0	9	5	0	178	100	70	0	100	135	0	320	625	1500
Castine, Trinitarian	1820 July 27	Lewis J. Thomas	P.	1878 June18	1878 June18	20	75	95	21	12	4	16	3	3	0	6	7	0	110	60	58	10	0	1032	32	20	1152	1040
Deer Isle, First	1773 Aug. 1	Hiram Houston	A.P.	1850 Sept.25	1868 April 5	51	134	185	25	3	0	3	6	0	0	6	0	1	130	90	0	0	0	28	0	0	28	1600
Deer Isle, Second	1858 Dec. 1	[Henry B. Fay]	Lic.	.....	1878 July 1	12	21	33	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....	.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40
Ellsworth	1812 Sept. 8	Charles J. H. Ropes	P.	1877 Aug. 15	1877 Aug. 15	37	133	170	40	11	1	12	2	1	2	5	8	0	150	95	81	0	0	65	0	0	146	1600
Isle au Haut	1857 May 7	Edward R. Osgood	A.P.	1871 Oct. 24	1878 July 1	1	11	12	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	50	0	0	0	16	0	0	16	.....
Orland	1850 Sept.25	William Forsyth	A.P	1870 Sept.15	1878 July 1	16	53	69	9	12	0	12	0	3	0	3	11	0	225	....	30	0	0	30	0	0	60	600
Sedgwick & Brooksville	1793 July 8	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	10	17	27	2	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	0	50	....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....
Sedgwick Village	1847 Oct. 28	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	7	7	14	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	....	....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....
Somesville	1876 Dec. 21	Albert N. Jones	A.P.	1872 Feb. 8	1879 May 18	5	16	21	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	25	....	0	0	0	20	0	0	20	.....
Tremont, [Mt. Desert]	1792 Oct. 17	Albert N. Jones	A.P.	1872 Feb. 8	1879 May 18	13	49	62	13	0	0	0	5	1	0	6	0	0	60	36	0	0	0	7	0	0	7	.....
Fourteen.						284	784	1068	200	74	14	88	33	10	2	45	51	7	1231	575	254	10	100	1357	47	346	2114	7371

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KENNEBEC CONFERENCE, Reported by Rev. William C. Curtis.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.				Ch. Members May 4, 1879.				Added dur'g yr.			Removed dur'g year.				Baptized—Adults.	Baptized—Infants.	Sabbath School, Whole No. May, 1879.	Families, May, 1879.	Contributions. (Dollars.)							
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Augusta	1794 Oct. 7	James H. Ecob	P.	1872 Oct. 2	1872 Oct. 2	77	211	288	40	6	1	7	2	3	0	5	4	1	205	184	248	18	0	200	27	606	1099	6020
Benton	1858 July 16	[Alexander Wiswall]	Lic.		1878 Nov. 1	6	21	27	5	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	325
Clinton	1858 July 15	Vacant				2	5	7	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....
Gardiner	1835 July 28	Austin L. Park	P.	1864 Feb. 2	1864 Feb. 2	38	119	157	30	2	1	3	5	1	0	6	2	0	80	100	48	0	0	72	16	20	156	1559
Hallowell	1790 Feb. 25	Charles A. White	P.	1873 Sept. 3	1878 Oct. 24	34	122	156	26	0	0	0	4	6	0	10	0	1	183	....	0	0	0	125	0	75	200	1246
Litchfield	1811 June 6	Josiah T. Hawes	A.P.	1828 Jan. 23	1865 July 1	23	41	64	20	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	21	4	0	0	25	10	6	45	.....
Monmouth	1853 May 17	[Charles E. Andrews]	Lic.		1879 June 1	13	28	41	12	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	55	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	366
Pittston	1812 Nov. 17	[David L. Davis]	Lic.		1879 June 8	8	21	29	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	35	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	205
Richmond	1827 Feb. 8	William C. Curtis	A.P.	1863 Sept. 1	1868 Apr. 19	8	38	46	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3	25	80	30	0	0	30	10	75	145	1100
Sidney	1829 Feb. 25	Vacant				7	11	18	14	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	....	....	0	0	0	44	0	0	44	.....
Vassalboro	1818 July 28	[Sidney A. Barnaby]	Lic.		1878 June16	3	11	14	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	....	0	0	0	8	0	0	8	.....
Waterville	1828 Aug. 21	Ezra N. Smith	A.P.	1872 June12	1877 July 18	68	117	185	59	11	4	15	4	0	0	4	8	0	130	60	73	0	0	7	0	11	91	1325
Winslow	1828 Aug. 27	John Dinsmore	A.P.	1852 Nov. 18	1862 June10	31	71	102	25	0	1	1	2	4	0	6	0	0	80	53	46	40	0	43	21	5	155	480
Winthrop	1776 Sept. 4	Warren F. Bickford	P.	1876 June20	1876 June20	53	109	162	37	1	2	3	6	1	0	7	1	1	120	100	33	168	37	45	10	41	334	1000
Fourteen.						371	925	1296	284	21	11	32	28	15	0	43	15	6	1043	676	482	226	37	599	94	839	2277	13617

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LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOC CONFERENCE, Reported by Rev. Flavius V. Norcross.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.				Ch. Members May 4, 1879.				Added dur'g yr.			Removed dur'g year.								Contributions. (Dollars.)								
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Alna	1796 Sept. 27	Vacant				8	27	35	10	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	40	16	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	.....
Bath, Winter Street	1795 Dec. 8	John O. Fiske, D. D.	P.	1843 Aug. 17	1843 Aug. 17	85	240	325	76	1	5	6	7	5	0	12	1	7	256	175	540	63	60	327	0	312	1302	3040
Bath, Central	1835 July 8	William R. Richards	P.E.	.....	1879	28	95	123	32	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	5	78	....	151	0	0	64	16	300	531	.....
Boothbay, First	1776 July 28	Richard W. Jenkins	A.P.	1874 Sept. 15	1878 May 5	12	29	41	2	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	2	0	50	....	0	0	0	9	0	0	9	.....
Boothbay, Second	1848 Aug. 1	Richard W. Jenkins	A.P.	1874 Sept. 15	1878 May 5	50	97	147	11	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	4	55	65	28	0	0	0	0	....	28	792
Bremen	1829 Mar. 3	John J. Bulfinch	A.P.	1860 May 23	1878 June 1	2	6	8	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	....	....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....
Bristol	1796 Aug. 17	Lewis D. Evans	A.P.	1875 June 30	1875 May 1	20	40	60	5	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	35	118	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	.....
Edgecomb	1783 June 4	Henry H. Hutchinson	A.P.	1869 Aug. 31	1875 Nov. 14	21	71	92	20	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	60	45	5	0	0	11	0	0	16	258
Lisbon	1839 Dec. 18	Vacant				0	10	10	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	....	....	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	.....
Newcastle, First	1799 June 4	Vacant				5	7	12	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	10	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	.....
Newcastle, Second	1844 May 22	William F. Obear	P.	1868 Oct. 14	1872 Oct. 16	60	137	197	28	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	1	0	95	90	14	0	0	10	0	114	138	1300
Phipsburg	1765 July 1	Henry S. Loring	A.P.	1850 June 20	1874 Oct. 4	35	75	110	38	0	2	2	2	1	0	3	0	0	75	55	25	5	10	20	2	16	78	650
Rockland	1838 Mar. 8	John J. Blair	A.P.	1874 Oct. 22	1876 Nov. 5	14	91	105	25	9	0	9	0	4	0	4	6	2	108	60	86	15	0	35	0	64	200	2075
Thomaston	1809 June 15	Charles H. Pope	P.	1865 July 27	1878 Mar. 6	22	100	122	25	0	2	2	3	2	0	5	9	0	150	75	58	0	0	0	37	75	170	4200
Topsham	1789 June 26	Nahum W. Grover	A.P.	1868 Sept. 3	1875 Dec. 1	25	74	99	25	2	0	2	3	0	0	3	1	5	75	67	27	0	0	7	8	3	45	725
Union	1803 Mar. 3	Flavius V. Norcross	P.	1860 Oct. 31	1860 June 1	23	63	86	16	4	1	5	0	1	0	1	3	0	145	95	9	0	0	33	0	25	67	559
Waldoboro, First	1807 May 13	Andrew J. McLeod	P.	1870 Sept. 28	1872 Nov. 8	40	117	157	23	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	1	180	100	45	0	0	50	0	75	170	.....
Waldoboro, Second	1856 Mar. 4	Vacant				5	3	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....
Warren, Second	1828 Feb. 27	Jeremiah E. Pond	P.	1858 Jan. 21	1879 June 19	56	120	176	51	0	1	1	4	0	0	4	0	0	130	100	5	0	0	7	0	0	12	600
Washington	1817 Aug. 16	Vacant				4	11	15	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....
Wiscasset	1773 Aug. 4	William A. De Pew	P.	1872 Nov. 9	1879 Jan. 14	19	65	84	...	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	130	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....
Woolwich	1765 June 12	Henry O. Thayer	A.P.	1866 July 26	1867 Sept. 15	19	57	76	8	1	1	2	2	2	0	4	1	0	122	57	16	0	0	20	18	0	54	650
Twenty-two						553	1535	2088	401	24	12	36	37	20	0	57	18	25	1850	1284	1009	83	70	600	81	990	2833	14840

OXFORD CONFERENCE, Reported by A. W. Valentine.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.				Ch. Members May 4, 1879.				Added dur'g yr.			Removed dur'g year.							Contributions. (Dollars.)							
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Andover	1800 Nov. 8	Samuel W. Pearson	A.P.	1870 Nov. 9	1876 May 1	31	51	82	23	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	70	53	15	0	18	15	4	7	59	475
Berlin Falls, (N. H.)	1877 Nov. 22	Arthur J. Benedict	A.P.	1875 May 25	1875 June 1	4	21	25	3	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	1	2	90	60	8	0	1	2	0	20	31	425
Bethel, First	1799 Oct. 7	Stephen L. Bowler	A.P.	1853 Jan. 5	1879 May 15	50	99	149	32	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	100	....	0	0	0	14	0	0	14	.....
Bethel, Second	1849 Jan. 31	David Garland	P.	1849 Aug. 15	1849 Aug. 15	13	31	44	25	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	50	....	36	0	0	10	32	24	102	.....
Dixfield	1806 May 8	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	2	9	11	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	....	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	.....
Gilead	1818 June20	[Thomas P. Williams]	Lic.	.....	1879 June 8	4	13	17	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	17	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1000
Gorham, (N. H.)	1862 Mar. 18	Arthur J. Benedict	A.P.	1875 May 25	1876 June 1	9	35	44	5	4	1	5	0	0	0	0	3	1	120	65	3	0	3	0	0	25	31	525
Norway, First	1804 Oct. 6	[George Allchin]	Lic.	.....	1879 June 9	13	25	38	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	75	11	0	0	0	0	5	1	6	100
Norway, Second	1853 Jan. 18	Edward E. Bacon	P.	1877 Sept.13	1877 Sept.13	36	75	111	22	2	3	5	2	4	1	7	1	0	140	130	0	0	0	11	0	0	11	.....
Oxford	1826 May 31	George A. Lockwood	A.P.	1870 Nov. 26	1870 Nov. 26	17	36	53	10	10	3	13	0	3	6	9	8	2	75	43	10	0	2	7	0	0	19	.....
Rumford	1803 May 5	S. L. Barnaby	Lic.	.....	1879 June 1	8	15	23	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	25	20	2	0	10	9	0	5	26	.....
Shelburne, (N. H.)	1828 Aug. 26	[Thomas P. Williams]	Lic.	.....	1879 June 8	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....
South Paris	1812 Nov. 4	Charles D. Crane	A.P.	1874 June11	1877 June10	53	125	178	52	24	0	24	6	3	0	9	18	2	165	75	12	0	0	20	0	0	32	. 0
Sumner	1802 Sept. 8	[Frederick A. Thayer]	Lic.	....	1878 June 9	22	39	61	17	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	50	15	....	0	6	18	0	0	24	225
Upton	1861 Mar. 19	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	2	7	9	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	...	....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....
Fifteen						264	585	849	209	41	11	52	16	13	7	36	31	7	995	489	86	0	40	108	42	82	358	2750

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PENOBSCOT CONFERENCE, Reported by Lorenzo W. Starbird.

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Bangor, First	1811 Nov. 7	S. Lewis B. Speare	P.	1874 Jan. 13	1878 July 1	81	203	284	43	44	17	61	2	11	0	13	27	0	207	175	66	13	0	101	108	223	511	2367
" Hammond St	1833 Dec. 5	Solomon P. Fay	P.	1849 Sept. 6	1866 Nov. 8	126	260	386	65	8	3	11	5	11	0	16	3	8	280	250	267	52	100	275	149	468	1311	3354
" Central	1847 April 1	Geo. W. Field, D. D.	P.	1853 Nov. 15	1864 Mar. 29	113	204	317	66	7	2	9	2	5	0	7	5	0	400	300	325	60	500	320	200	502	1907	4616
" East	1878 Aug. 7	[Robert F. True]	Lic.	.....	1878 June	19	15	34	3	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	300
Brewer, First	1800 Sept. 9	Clarence A. Beckwith	P.	1878 Jan. 9	1878 Jan. 9	60	145	205	11	35	11	46	0	2	0	2	28	0	210	132	35	0	3	100	76	50	264	2850
" Village	1843 Jan. 18	[Clarence S. Sargent]	Lic.	.....	1879 June	37	51	88	9	32	0	32	1	1	0	2	26	0	142	78	0	0	0	47	0	0	47	250
Burlington	1827 July 12	[Edgar M. Cousins]	Lic.	.....	1879 June	7	14	21	4	0	2	2	1	0	1	2	0	0	38	12	0	0	0	44	0	0	44	.....
Dedham	1841 Dec. 13	[Edward C. Crane]	Lic.	.....	1879 Mar. 1	25	39	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	20	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	126
Dixmont and Plymouth	1861 Sept.10	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	....	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	.....
Hampden	1817 May 6	Arthur G. Fitz	A.P.	1875 Sept. 1	1879 Feb. 16	22	67	89	29	1	0	1	1	3	0	4	0	0	117	65	74	0	0	43	0	0	117	985
Holden	1828 Nov. 11	[Edward C. Crane]	Lic.	.....	1878 June 7	21	45	66	10	5	5	10	2	0	5	7	3	0	100	50	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	400
Kenduskeag	1834 Dec. 23	[Thomas P. Williams]	Lic.	.....	1879 Jan.	25	42	67	34	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	80	....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130
Lincoln	1831 Aug. 3	[Alva J. De Long]	Lic.	.....	1879 May 18	7	12	19	0	2	7	9	0	0	0	0	1	0	50	20	0	0	0	57	0	0	57	300
Oldtown	1834 Sept.24	Charles L. Mills	A.P.	1838 Oct. 1	1879 Feb. 6	18	57	75	21	18	4	22	2	6	0	8	13	0	70	35	0	0	11	0	0	0	11	350
Orono	1826 May 18	Alfred J. McGown	P.	1877 July 3	1877 July 3	34	102	136	39	3	0	3	2	3	0	5	3	0	181	38	44	6	0	27	2	2	81	671
East Orrington	1834 June12	Jonathan Edwards	P.	1876 June15	1876 June15	28	53	81	18	8	0	8	3	5	2	10	8	0	75	40	9	0	0	22	2	2	35	.....
Upper Stillwater	1859 Oct. 6	Alfred J. McGown	A.P.	1877 July 3	1877 July	1	14	15	4	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	33	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	125
Veazie	1838 June19	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	14	27	41	29	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	....	....	0	0	* 0	0	0	0	0	.....
Eighteen.						639	1352	1991	385	166	52	218	23	48	8	79	11	8	2118	1243	820	131	614	1046	538	1247	4396	16824

PISCATAQUIS CONFERENCE, Reported by Rev. Rufus W. Emerson.

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Abbot	1875 Nov. 23	[Frederic A. Thayer]...	Lic.	.....	1878 Nov.	12	20	32	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	6	1	0	5	0	0	5	1	.....
Atkinson	1842 Mar. 2	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....	....	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....	.....
Blanchard	1833 Mar. 13	Rufus W. Emerson....	A.P.	1856 May 28	1877 April 1	21	30	51	21	3	0	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	50	15	12	0	0	5	10	22	49	85
Brownville	1819 Aug. 24	Charles P. Nichols.....	P.	1861 Nov. 7	1872 Feb. 20	57	113	170	35	3	4	7	5	0	0	5	3	0	125	77	9	0	0	8	115	17	149	670
Dexter	1834 Aug. 22	Jehiel S. Richards.....	P.	1877 June23	1877 June23	12	38	50	14	2	1	3	0	4	0	4	2	1	68	30	5	30	11	12	0	12	70	450
Foxcroft and Dover	1822 Dec. 30	Herbert A. Loring.....	P.	1875 June10	1875 June10	75	172	247	45	6	1	7	7	2	0	9	5	0	220	120	107	280	101	36	35	30	589	1200
Garland	1810 Mar. 1	Peter B. Thayer.....	P.	1848 Dec. 12	1848 Dec. 12	37	62	99	18	1	3	4	0	1	0	1	0	1	80	50	21	10	25	40	9	0	105	500
Greenville	1869 Dec. 5	Charles Davison.....	A.P.	1873 Oct. 21	1873 Oct. 21	15	31	46	10	2	0	2	1	2	0	3	2	0	90	53	103	0	41	31	0	40	215	400
Monson	1821 Aug. 11	Gustavus W. Jones....	A.P.	1869 May 27	1878 May 5	43	54	97	30	0	3	3	2	3	1	6	0	0	80	40	26	20	60	16	20	14	156	450
Sangerville	1828 Aug. 8	Vacant.....	.....	.....	.....	2	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	....	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	.....
Ten.						275	526	801	179	17	12	29	15	13	1	29	12	2	743	391	286	340	243	148	189	140	1346	3755

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SOMERSET CONFERENCE, Reported by Rev. Benjamin Tappan, D. D.

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Anson	1804 April 19	Vacant				12	26	38	24	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	25	12	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	30
Athens	1867 June 6	John W. Brownville...	A.P.	1873 Dec. 18	1877 Dec. 9	15	25	40	12	2	0	2	3	0	0	3	1	1	25	...	0	0	0	6	0	0	6	125
Bingham	1805 July 24	Albert H. Thompson...	A.P.	1879 Feb. 26	1877 April 1	21	33	54	7	1	1	2	3	1	0	4	0	0	70	60	0	0	0	7	0	0	7	330
Madison	1826 Apr. 25	Thomas G. Mitchell....	A.P.	1846 Nov. 18	1851 Nov. 16	31	44	75	17	1	1	2	0	4	0	4	1	2	50	30	11	0	0	23	0	70	104	350
Madison, East	1858 Mar. 24	Vacant				7	13	20	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	....	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	.....
Mercer	1822 Oct. 30	[F. A. Chutter]	Lic.		1878 Sept. 1	10	24	34	6	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	75	12	0	0	0	8	0	0	8	.....
New Portland, North	1869 May 27	John W. Brownville...	A.P.	1873 Dec. 18	1878 May 5	4	9	13	3	0	2	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	75	10	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	100
Norridgewock	1797 Sept. 22	Benjamin Tappan, D.D.	P.	1838 Aug. 8	1858 Oct. 27	31	77	108	38	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	130	60	214	110	0	88	50	0	462	575
Skowhegan	1860 Nov. 1	Webster Woodbury....	A.P	1868 Sept. 9	1870 April 1	61	138	199	45	2	4	6	1	1	0	2	1	0	285	165	57	0	50	25	96	49	277	1646
Solon	1842 Jan. 25	John W. Brownville...	A.P.	1873 Dec. 18	1877 Dec. 16	14	18	32	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	60	42	16	0	0	0	0	0	16	.....
South Solon	1806 Sept. 30	John W. Brownville...	A.P.	1873 Dec. 18	1878 July 1	1	6	7	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....
St. Albans	1830 June 18	William S. Sewall.....	A.P.	1839 Sept. 25	1864 June 10	6	15	21	2	1	1	2	1	1	0	2	1	0	80	9	5	3	3	10	3	5	29	.....
Twelve.						213	428	641	161	7	9	16	10	15	0	25	4	3	875	400	303	113	53	177	154	124	924	3156

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CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.				Ch. Members May 4, 1879.				Added dur'g yr.			Removed dur'g year.				Baptized—Adults.	Baptized—Infants.	Sabbath School, Whole No. May, 1879.	Families, May, 1879.	Contributions. (Dollars.)						
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Albany	1803 Sept. 15	[Charles W. Bird]	Lic.		1879 May 18	15	34	49	17	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	80	30	0	0	0	48	0	0	48	600
Bridgton	1784 Aug. 26	Osgood W. Rogers	A.P.	1876 June 21	1878 Nov. 1	43	105	148	40	18	6	24	6	0	0	6	16	1	150	100	30	0	0	7	0	0	37	1300
Bridgton, North	1832 Nov. 15	Nehemiah Lincoln	P.		1872 May 15	17	45	62	11	11	0	11	2	0	0	2	10	0	69	40	9	0	0	15	2	20	46	50
Bridgton, South	1829 Dec. 30	Holland B. Fry	P.		1870 Jan. 5	33	61	94	21	9	1	10	0	0	0	0	8	1	75	40	30	25	0	30	3	3	91	525
Brownfield	1804 Oct. 1	Ebenezer S. Jordan	A.P.	1857 Dec. 17	1874 Mar. 20	21	36	57	17	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	22	0	0	0	25	0	10	35	450
Casco	1864 Sept. 19	Edward R. Osgood	A.P.	1871 Oct. 24	1879 June	9	8	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	105
Denmark	1829 July 5	[Charles W. Shelton]	Lic.		1878 4 mos.	8	39	47	9	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	30	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1107
Fryeburg	1775 Aug. 21	Javan K. Mason, D. D.	A.P.	1849 Jan. 18	1877 Aug. 1	39	91	130	30	2	3	5	6	1	5	12	1	12	90	60	23	0	0	13	10	2	48	220
Harrison	1826 Feb. 15	Nehemiah Lincoln	P.	1872 May 15	1871 Oct. 1	19	27	46	15	1	0	1	1	2	0	3	1	0	60	25	7	0	0	7	0	0	14	50
Hiram	1826 Oct. 26	Albert Cole	A.P.	1847 Mar. 25	1874 Oct. 4	2	14	16	0	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	2	0	60	30	8	0	7	5	0	0	20	200
Lovell	1798 Oct. 6	Lewis Goodrich	A.P.	1850 Jan. 1	1878 Dec. 20	44	85	129	39	1	0	1	2	1	0	3	1	0	100	38	0	0	0	15	0	0	15	.....
Naples	1858 Aug. 10	[William E. Archibald]	Lic.		1878 4 mos.	6	22	28	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....
Otisfield	1797 Oct. 23	[John M. Pease, F.Bap]	A.P.	1871 June 18	1878 June 7	20	41	61	10	1	1	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	85	40	11	0	0	6	7	0	18	105
Stowe & (Chatham,) N.H.	1861 Oct. 22	Isaac H. Libby	P.	1878 May 17	1878 May 17	17	27	44	12	5	3	8	1	2	0	3	5	0	40	30	0	0	5	5	0	0	10	225
Sweden	1817 Nov. 4	Lewis Goodrich	A.P.	1850 Jan. 1	1879 Jan. 1	14	27	41	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	40	17	0	0	0	0	8	0	8	125
Waterford	1799 Oct. 2	Henry H. Osgood	A.P.	1875 Sept. 3	1877 May 1	26	71	97	23	4	0	4	3	1	0	4	4	0	60	45	109	0	0	0	0	51	160	440
Waterford, North	1865 June 20	Henry H. Osgood	A.P.	1875 Sept. 3	1877 May 1	21	42	63	9	3	0	3	1	0	0	1	1	0	60	40	6	0	0	6	0	0	12	387
Seventeen.						354	775	1129	267	57	17	74	28	8	5	41	49	14	1149	707	233	25	12	176	81	35	562	5889

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WALDO CONFERENCE, Reported by Rev. Wellington R. Cross.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.				Ch. Members May 4, 1879.				Added dur'g yr.			Removed dur'g year.								Contributions. (Dollars.)							
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor, Acting Astor, Licentiate.	Ordained.	Installed, or Present Ministry commenced.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismission.	Discipline.	Total.	Baptized—Adults.	Baptized—Infants.	Sabbath School, Whole No. May, 1879.	Families, May, 1879.	Foreign Missions.	College and Education.	Congregational Union.	Home Missions.	Am. Miss'y Association.	Other Objects.	Total Amount.	Home Expenditures.
Belfast	1796 Dec. 29	John A. Ross	P.	1854 June 1	1873 Sept. 14	26	86	112	18	4	1	5	4	0	0	4	3	2	85	128	165	0	16	125	8	0	314	1650
Belfast, North	1846 Sept. 24	Vacant				9	16	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....
Camden	1805 Sept. 11	Wellington R. Cross	P.	1865 Sept. 9	1876 Nov. 15	36	96	132	28	1	2	3	3	2	0	5	1	0	158	53	0	0	0	38	0	0	38	1450
Frankfort	1851 Nov. 18	[Rich'd G. Woodbridge]	Lic.		1878 June 9	3	26	29	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	60	25	0	0	0	48	0	0	48	250
Freedom	1858 Apr. 14	[Almon J. Rackliff]	Lic.		1879 June 9	10	25	35	9	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	50	13	0	0	0	0	0	20	20	.....
Jackson and Brooks	1812 Oct. 6	Vacant				22	49	71	13	3	0	3	1	3	0	4	2	0	50	....	0	0	0	12	0	0	12	.....
Rockport	1854 June 12	Vacant				15	37	52	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....
Sandy Point	1839 Oct. 16	[Arthur Main]	Lic.		1879 Feb.	33	46	79	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	40	8	0	0	0	0	0	8	.....
Searsport, First	1815 Oct. 4	Benjamin B. Merrill	P.	1876 Nov. 9	1876 Nov. 9	48	120	168	30	4	0	4	3	2	1	6	3	2	155	175	45	25	10	119	25	59	283	1300
Searsport, Second	1855 Sept. 19	[Arthur Main]	Lic.		1879 Feb.	5	31	36	8	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	45	18	8	0	0	10	0	0	18	.....
Winterport	1820 Sept. 17	[Merrill Blanchard]	Lic.		1879 April 1	8	53	61	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....
Eleven.						215	585	800	141	12	3	15	15	9	1	25	9	4	743	487	226	25	26	352	33	79	741	4650

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WASHINGTON CONFERENCE, Reported by Dea. C. F. Stone.

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Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor, Acting Pastor, Licentiate.	Ordained.	Installed, or Present Ministry commenced.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismission.	Discipline.	Total.	Baptized—Adults.	Baptized—Infants.	Sabbath School, Whole No. May, 1879.	Families, May, 1879.	Foreign Missions.	College and Education.	Congregational Union.	Home Missions.	Am. Miss'y Association.	Other Objects.	Total Amount.	Home Expenditures.
Calais, First Cong'l	1825 Aug. 17	Charles G. McCully	A.P.	1860 July 17	1876 Feb. 20	59	197	256	45	36	7	43	4	1	0	5	21	5	250	175	80	0	0	15	24	237	356	2600
Cherryfield	1833 Oct. 20	Henry F. Harding	A.P.	1855 Oct. 17	1879 Apr. 15	15	15	30	0	19	1	20	1	0	0	1	16	0	....	50	25	0	0	12	0	0	37	50
Cooper	1826 Feb. 22	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	2	7	9	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	35	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....
Dennysville, Cong'l	1805 Oct. 27	Charles Whittier	P.	1860 Nov. 13	1860 Nov. 13	39	66	105	24	16	1	17	2	4	0	6	8	1	250	78	30	0	0	30	33	49	142	673
Eastport, Central Cong'l	1819 Feb. 7	George W. Kelley	A.P.	1872 Dec. 28	1877 Apr. 16	19	77	96	29	4	2	6	2	0	0	2	3	0	60	32	5	0	0	11	5	0	21	418
Jonesport, Union Cong'l	1877 Sept. 11	[George E. Chapin]	P.E.	.....	1879 July 1	14	36	50	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	3	0	0	109	60	0	0	0	68	0	0	68	240
Machias, Center street	1782 Sept. 12	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	69	179	248	38	30	4	34	4	4	0	8	23	1	441	130	77	0	0	91	37	10	215	225
Machias, East	1826 June 8	Frederick E. Shaw	A.P.	1878 June 13	1878 June 13	15	66	81	13	10	7	17	3	2	0	5	10	0	188	....	0	0	0	37	0	0	37	.....
Machiasport	1831 Jan. 25	Addison Blanchard	A.P.	1868 Sept. 9	1878 May 12	28	32	60	15	20	0	20	0	0	0	0	20	0	110	61	0	0	0	80	0	0	80	400
Marshfield	1871 Sept. 14	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	18	35	53	6	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	40	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	938
Milltown, (N. B.)	1846 Oct. 21	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	38	96	134	16	3	0	3	2	5	0	7	0	0	200	....	125	0	0	26	0	150	301	1600
Northfield	1836 Sept. 15	J. A. Loose	Lic.	.....	1879 May 18	7	12	19	5	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	40	....	0	0	0	24	0	0	24	41
Pembroke	1835 Sept. 30	Samuel L. Vincent	P.	1878 Oct. 23	1878 June 9	5	12	17	2	1	8	9	0	0	0	0	1	0	50	25	0	0	0	12	0	0	12	450
Perry	1822 Oct. 7	Edgar F. Davis	P.	1878 Aug. 8	1878 June 9	14	54	68	12	8	0	8	1	0	0	1	6	2	70	....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60
Princeton	1858 Dec. 2	[Edwin C. Oakley]	Lic.	.....	1879 June 8	31	45	76	10	11	0	11	3	0	0	3	9	0	100	35	10	0	0	72	0	0	82	.....
Robbinston	1811 Nov. 24	[C. H. Ricketts	Lic.	.....	1878 May 30	24	61	85	17	0	0	0	1	4	0	5	0	0	50	60	13	0	0	16	0	0	29	20
Topsfield	1861 Nov. 6	[Clarence A. Sargent]	Lic.	.....	1878 May 18	9	18	27	15	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	40	....	0	0	0	15	0	0	15	.....
Whiting	1833 Nov. 9	James I. Jones	A.P.	1877 June 19	1879 May 18	6	21	27	3	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	65	24	10	0	0	0	0	0	10	165
Whitneyville	1836 Dec. 7	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	19	28	47	13	5	0	5	1	1	0	2	0	1	85	25	0	0	0	25	1	1	27	20
Nineteen.						431	1057	1488	266	165	30	195	29	27	1	57	117	10	2183	838	375	0	0	534	100	447	1456	7900

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YORK CONFERENCE, Reported by Rev. William S. Thompson.

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Acton	1781 Sept. 18	William S. Thompson..	A.P.	1860 Oct. 17	1869 Jan. 1	20	37	57	13	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	70	43	18	0	0	37	0	5	60	350
Alfred	1791 Sept. 8	Benjamin P. Snow.....	A.P.	1870 May 10	1875 July 1	20	58	78	23	6	1	7	3	0	0	3	4	0	104	50	25	0	0	30	16	74	145	307
Biddeford, First	1730 Apr. 30	[Henry A. Freeman]...	Lic.	.....	1878 June 1	10	34	44	6	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	40	30	0	0	0	0	8	0	8	.....
Biddeford, Second	1805 Mar. 1	George R. Merrill.....	P.	1867 Jan. 2	1876 Sept. 1	74	206	280	84	6	3	9	9	7	2	18	5	1	258	193	91	0	145	159	97	100	592	2500
Biddeford, Pavilion	1857 Oct. 20	Edward Chase.....	P.	1863 Jan. 8	1877 Dec. 20	45	145	190	53	2	3	5	5	0	0	5	0	1	150	90	67	0	0	0	0	0	67	.....
Buxton, South	1763 Mar. 6	Joseph Kyte.....	A.P.	1862 Sept. 25	1875 May 1	31	77	108	9	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	60	170	0	0	14	0	3	0	17	650
Buxton, North	1763 Mar. 6	Joseph Kyte.....	A.P.	1862 Sep. 25	1875 May 1	11	29	40	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	19	7	0	0	0	0	0	7	.....
Cornish	1840 Sept. 16	Albert Cole.....	A.P.	1847 Mar. 25	1858 July 4	19	41	60	9	0	0	0	1	4	0	5	0	0	50	....	6	0	20	12	0	10	48	.....
Elliot	1721 June 22	David S. Hibbard.....	A.P.	1860 July	1878 Oct. 1	13	43	56	9	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	58	35	6	0	0	10	0	0	16	225
Kennebunk, Union	1826 Aug. 15	George A. Lockwood...	A.P.	1870 Nov. 26	1879 May 18	19	69	88	31	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	60	65	93	7	0	162	7	23	292	1350
Kennebunkport, First	1730 Nov.	Charles H. Gates.....	A.P.	1851 Nov. 14	1874 Feb. 1	26	45	71	14	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	60	35	8	0	0	10	0	0	18	.....
Kennebunkport, South	1838 Jan. 10	Charles H. Gates.....	A.P.	1851 Nov. 14	1874 Feb. 1	18	55	73	16	0	2	2	3	0	0	3	0	0	50	61	0	0	10	11	0	0	21	900
Kittery	1714 Nov. 4	Thomas N. Lord.....	A.P.	1837 Aug. 10	1878 May 1	9	28	37	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	20	0	0	0	13	0	0	13	.....
Lebanon	1765 June 26	Benjamin Dodge.....	A.P.	1848 Oct. 10	1877 Nov. 18	10	25	35	9	0	0	0	3	2	0	5	0	0	50	20	20	0	0	0	0	20	40	750
Limerick	1795 July	David L. Jones.....	A.P.	1876 Aug. 24	1879 May 1	26	41	67	26	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	50	41	8	0	0	0	1	0	9	.....
Limington	1789 Oct. 11	Reuben D. Osgood.....	P.	1871 Oct. 24	1875 Nov. 16	31	77	108	17	0	1	1	3	0	0	3	0	0	60	....	11	2	2	40	6	14	75	.....
Lyman	1801 Dec. 2	George F. Tewksbury..	A.P.	1838 Jan. 31	1876 June 1	37	66	103	19	0	1	1	6	0	0	6	0	0	97	45	36	0	0	5	7	0	48	750
Newfield, West	1801 July 1	Jonathan Edwards.....	A.P.	1876 June 15	1879 June 1	15	16	31	8	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	25	35	0	0	0	18	0	0	18	.....
Parsonsfield	1795 Jan. 7	Jonathan Edwards.....	A.P.	1876 June 15	1879 June 1	2	5	7	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	0	20	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5200
Saco	1762 Oct. 13	Vacant.....	.....	.....	.....	53	145	198	...	1	3	4	3	3	0	6	0	1	95	187	62	0	31	60	0	42	195	2100
Sanford	1786 July 19	[Henry J. Stone].....	Lic.	.....	1877 Nov. 11	14	30	44	13	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	....	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	.....
Sanford, South	1786 July 19	[Henry J. Stone].....	Lic.	.....	1877 Dec. 1	5	22	27	5	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	25	....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	125
Shapleigh	1823 Oct. 23	Vacant.....	.....	.....	.....	2	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....
South Berwick	1702 June 4	George Lewis.....	P.	1865 Dec. 13	1874 Jan. 15	20	93	113	20	3	0	3	2	0	0	2	3	0	100	80	121	0	5	135	5	159	425	.....
Wells, First	1701 Oct. 29	Woodbury S. Kimball..	A.P.	1867 Sept. 3	1875 Nov. 1	51	82	133	16	0	0	0	7	4	0	11	0	0	164	75	102	8	10	76	37	39	272	950
Wells, Second	1831 Aug. 23	Benjamin Southworth.	A.P.	1858 Feb. 24	1870 Oct. 1	48	80	128	16	0	0	0	0	2	2	4	0	0	120	65	42	0	7	12	30	12	103	.....
York, First	1672 Dec. 3	David B. Sewall..	A.P.	1842 Jan. 19	1873 Dec. 1	21	78	99	18	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	80	76	36	0	0	37	25	30	128	.....
York, Second	1732	Joseph Freeman.....	A.P.	1844 Mar. 10	1869 Aug. 1	11	37	48	8	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	64	33	10	0	0	14	0	0	24	350
Twenty-eight.						661	1667	2328	456	20	15	35	60	27	4	97	13	4	2055	1481	769	17	244	846	242	528	2646	16507

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CONFERENCES.		MINISTERS.					CHURCHES.					Church Members, May 4, 1879.				Added dur'g yr.			Removed dur'g year.				Gain or Loss.						Contributions. (Dollars.)							
Name.	Date of Organization.	Pastors.	Acting Pastors.	Without Charge.	Total.	Licentiates.	With Pastors.	With Acting Pastors.	With Licentiates.	Vacant.	Whole Number.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismission.	Discipline.	Total.	Net Gain.	Net Loss.	Baptized—Adults.	Baptized—Infants.	Sabbath School, Whole No. May, 1879.	Families, May, 1879.	Foreign Missions.	College and Education.	Congregational Union.	Home Missions.	Am. Miss'y Association.	Other Objects.	Total Amount.	Home Expenditures.
Aroostook	1846	1	2	2	5	2	1	3	1	5	10	121	224	345	58	16	4	20	3	6	2	11	9	...	16	0	750	135	20	1	29	128	5	74	257	3576
Cumberland	1822	14	3	9	26	1	14	5	1	2	22	933	2327	3260	516	88	106	194	49	59	1	109	85	...	53	43	3503	2173	2642	106	171	1535	730	3582	8766	48074
Cumberland, North	1878	6	9	4	19	2	6	12	2	1	21	895	1797	2692	598	86	47	133	45	38	1	84	49	...	64	9	2033	1530	1398	13	213	483	253	1081	3441	24414
Franklin	1839	0	5	5	10	2	0	6	3	1	10	272	510	782	154	3	8	11	5	12	2	19	...	8	1	0	851	385	97	0	32	236	29	92	486	3050
Hancock	1825	3	5	4	12	2	3	7	2	2	14	284	784	1068	200	74	14	88	33	10	2	45	43	...	51	7	1231	575	254	10	100	1357	47	346	2114	7371
Kennebec	1823	4	4	3	11	4	4	4	4	2	14	371	925	1296	284	21	11	32	28	15	0	43	...	11	15	6	1043	676	482	226	37	599	94	839	2277	13617
Lincoln & Sagadahoc	1825	7	8	3	18	0	6	10	0	6	22	553	1535	2088	401	24	12	36	37	20	0	57	...	21	18	25	1859	1284	1009	83	70	600	81	990	2833	14840
Oxford	1824	2	4	2	8	3	2	6	5	2	15	264	585	849	209	41	11	52	16	13	7	36	16	...	31	7	995	489	86	0	40	108	42	82	358	2750
Penobscot	1825	5	2	8	15	6	6	3	7	2	18	639	1352	1991	385	166	52	218	23	48	8	79	139	...	117	8	2118	1243	820	131	614	1046	538	1247	4396	16824
Piscataquis	1842	4	3	1	8	1	4	3	1	2	10	275	526	801	179	17	12	29	15	13	1	29	...	...	12	2	743	391	286	340	243	148	189	140	1346	3755
Somerset	1823	1	5	1	7	1	1	8	1	2	12	213	428	641	161	7	9	16	10	15	0	25	...	9	4	3	875	400	303	113	53	177	154	124	924	3156
Union	1836	3	6	1	10	3	4	10	3	0	17	354	775	1129	267	57	17	74	28	8	5	41	33	...	49	14	1149	707	233	25	12	176	81	35	562	5889
Waldo	1848	3	0	4	7	4	3	0	5	3	11	215	585	800	141	12	3	15	15	9	1	25	...	10	9	4	743	487	226	25	26	352	33	79	741	4650
Washington	1829	3	6	0	9	4	3	7	4	5	19	431	1057	1488	266	165	30	195	29	27	1	57	138	...	117	10	2183	838	375	0	0	534	100	447	1456	7900
York	1822	4	16	5	25	2	4	19	3	2	28	661	1667	2328	456	20	15	35	66	27	4	97	...	62	13	4	2055	1481	769	17	244	846	242	528	2646	16507
Fifteen.		60	78	52	190	37	61	103	42	37	243	6481	15077	21558	4275	797	351	1148	402	320	35	757	512	121	570	142	22131	12794	9000	1090	1884	8325	2620	9683	32602	176273

CHURCH ORGANIZED, East Bangor, August 7, 1878.

PASTORS ORDAINED AND INSTALLED FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 4th, 1879, seven; *Pastors Installed*, two; *Ordinations without Installation*, four; total, thirteen; *Pastors dismissed*, six.—Minutes, p., 60.

CHURCHES.—With Pastors, 61; with Acting Pastors, 103; supplied by Licentiates and Students, 42; vacant, 37; total, 343.

MINISTERS.—Pastors, 60; Acting Pastors, 78; others, 52. Total, 190.

CHURCH MEMBERS.—Males, 6481; Females 15,077. Total, 21,558, including 4275 absent; gain 218 over total of last year.

ADDITIONS.—By profession, 797; by letter, 351. Total 1148.

REMOVALS.—By death, 402; by dismission, 320; by discipline, 35. Total, 757.

GAIN IN EIGHT CONFERENCES, 512; loss in six Conferences, 121; Piscataquis, same as last year; net gain, 391.

BAPTISMS.—Adults, 570; infants, 142.

IN SABBATH SCHOOLS.—22,131; Gain, 441.

FAMILIES.—Reported connected with the congregations of 213 churches, 12,794; Gain in number reported, 1,202.

CHARITIES.—Foreign Missions, $9,000; Home Missions, $8,325; Congregational Union, $1,884; American Missionary Association, $2,620; College and Education Society, $1,090; Other Objects, $9,683. Total, $32,602. Gain, $296. Three churches in York Conference (p. 89) gave $27 to Congrega'l Publishing Society, which is included in "other objects."

HOME EXPENDITURES.—Reported by 159 churches, $176,873.

ORGANIZATION. Fifteen Conferences of Churches, united in a General Conference, which includes also, Milltown, N. B., Berlin Falls, Gorham, Shelburne, and Chatham, N.H.

PASTORS ORDAINED AND INSTALLED FOR YEAR ENDING MAY 4, 1879

Isaac H. Libbey	Stow and Chatham	1878, May 17,	Page	83
Lewis J. Thomas	Castine	1878, June 18,	"	71
Edgar F. Davis	Perry	1878, Aug. 8,	"	86
Edward S. Tead	Warren ch., Westbrook	1878, Sept. 17,	"	65
Samuel L. Vincent	Pembroke	1878, Oct. 23,	"	86
Frank W. Sanborn	Central ch., Yarmouth	1878, Dec. 18,	"	68
Arthur N. Ward	First ch., Falmouth	1879, Feb. 25,	"	65

PASTORS INSTALLED FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 4, 1879.

Charles A. White	Hallowell	1878, Oct. 24,	Page	73
William A. De Pew	Wiscasset	1878, Jan. 14,	"	75

ORDAINED AS EVANGELISTS.

Frederic E. Shaw	East Machias	1878, June 13,	Page	86
Daniel O. Clark	New Sharon	1878, June 20,	"	70
Charles G. Holyoke	Yarmouth	1878, Dec. 18,	"	68
Albert H. Thompson	Bingham	1879, Feb. 26,	"	82

PASTORS DISMISSED DURING THE YEAR ENDING MAY 4, 1876.

Joseph St. John	Searsport 2d. ch., & Sandy Pt.	1878, May 24,	Page	84
Alfred E. Ives	Castine	1878, June 18,	"	71
Lewis Goodrich	Warren	1878, Aug. 26,	"	75
Reuben D. Osgood	Limington	1878, Oct. 14,	"	88
Osgood W. Rogers	Farmington	1878, Oct. 22,	"	70
John J. Carruthers D. D.	Second ch., Portland	1878, Dec. 4,	"	65

MINISTERS RESIGNED, OR ASKED DISMISSION.

George Michael	Freeport	1878, July,	Page	69
Josiah P. Stinchfield	Mt. Desert	1878, July,	"	71
Ezra H. Byington	Brunswick	1878, September,	"	68
Edward P. Gardner	Second ch., Portland	1878, November,	"	65
William Hart	Central ch., Bath	1878, December,	Page	75
J. Evarts Pond	Milltown, N. B	1878, December,	"	88
Henry N. Hoyt	Hampden	1879, January,	"	76
George A. Lockwood	Oxford	1879, March,	"	51
John T. Blades	Saco	1879, April,	"	88
Albert N. Jones	Jackson and Brooks	1879, April,	"	71
David L. Jones	West Newfield	1879, April,	"	88
Joseph A. Kellogg	West Newfield	1879, April,	"	88
Henry S. Loring	Phipsburg	1879, April,	"	75
Stephen L. Bowler	Machias	1879, May,	"	86
Jonathan Edwards	East Orrington	1879, May,	"	78
Holland B. Frye	South Bridgton	1879, May,	"	83
Edgar F. Davis	Perry	1879, June,	"	86
George R. Merrill	Biddeford, 2d ch.,	1879, June,	"	88
Robert M. Peacock	Temple	1879, June,	"	70
Albert H. Thompson	Bingham	1879, June,	"	82
John G. Wilson	Weld	1879, June,	"	70
Benjamin Southworth	Wells	1879, July,	"	88
Richard Wickett	Baldwin and Sebago	1879, July,	"	96

Church formed in East Bangor, Aug. 7, 1878. Twenty-eight members. Record, Minutes 1878, p. 69.

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NAME.	RESIDENCE.	ORDAINED.
Jacob Abbot	Farmington	1834, September 18
John C. Adams	Falmouth	1851, August 19
Jonathan E. Adams	Bangor	1859, October 19
Thomas Adams, D. D.	Winslow	1818, August 26
John W. H. Baker	New Sharon	1865, June 29
Silas Baker	Standish	1832, March 7
Joseph Bartlett	Gorham	1847, October 7
Addison Blanchard	Bangor	1868, September 9
Thomas E. Brastow	Rockport	1865, October 11
Jonas Burnham	Farmington	1858, July 28
Almon W. Burr	Hallowell	1875, July 27
John J. Carruthers, D. D.	Portland	1819, June 8
Calvin Chapman	Kennebunkport	1842, December 8
Ephraim C. Cummings	Portland	1858, March 17
David Q. Cushman,	Bath	1838, February 7
Edward F. Cutter, D. D.	Belfast	1833, May 8
Henry V. Emmons	Hallowell	1859, November 13
Henry Farrar	Brunswick	1867, November 6
Samuel L. Gould	Bethel	1839, October 23
Cyrus Hamlin, D. D.	Bangor	1838, October 3
Henry F. Harding	Hallowell	1855, October 17
Henry B. Hart	Holden	1869, December 21
George W. Hathaway	Santa Monica, Cal	1833, March 20
L. Ives Hoadley	Warren	1823, October 15
Alfred E. Ives	Castine	1838, September 25
Marcus R. Keep	Dalton	1847, January 4
Elbridge Knight	Fort Fairfield	1843, September 13
John K. Lincoln	Bangor	1862, September 20
Amasa Loring	Foxcroft	1842, January 15
Henry S. Loring	Phipsburg	1850, June 20
Joseph Loring	East Otisfield	1833, September 10
George S. Osborn	South Sanford	1836, December 18
Prof. Alpheus S. Packard, D. D.	Brunswick	1850, May 16
Prof. Levi L. Paine, D. D.	Bangor	1861, October 9
Wooster Parker	Belfast	1832, September 29
John Parsons	Kennebunk	1857, May 14
William Pierce	West Buxton	1836, August 7
Alexander R. Plumer	Kittery Point	1854, December 13
Prof. Enoch Pond, D. D.	Bangor	1815, March 1
Daniel F. Potter	Brunswick	1852, October 25
Amos Redlon	Dexter	1842, July 7
Henry Richardson	Gilead	1831, November 23
Prof. John S. Sewall, D. D.	Bangor	1859, April 20
Alfred L. Skinner	Bucksport	1854, January 27
Henry G. Storer	Oak Hill	1850, March 30
Prof. Daniel S. Talcott, D. D.	Bangor	1836, December 7
Daniel D. Tappan	Weld	1826, November 14
Sewell Tenney, D. D.	Ellsworth	1831, August 10
James B. Thornton	Scarboro	1851, June 4
Stephen Thurston, D. D.	Searsport	1826, August 9
Stephen Tictcomb	Farmington	1855, June 6
Henry M. Vaill	Cape Elizabeth	1861, August 14
Israel P. Warren, D. D.	Portland	1842, April 20

LICENTIATES.

Prof. Henry L. Chapman	Brunswick
James H. Crosby	Bangor.
John Hemenway	Brighton.
Prof. Thomas H. Rich	Lewiston.
Henry C. Robinson	Newcastle
Jotham Sewall	York.
Prof. Richard C. Stanley	Lewiston.

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AVERAGE MINISTERIAL AGE.

The average ministerial age of 190 ordained ministers now in the State, is 20 years; of 52 who have no pastoral charge, 34 years; of the others, (138) 14 years.

Of the ordained ministers, six have been in the ministry from 51 to 64 years, average 56 years; twenty, from 41 to 48 years, average 44 years; seventeen, from 31 to 40 years, average 35 years; thirty-two, from 21 to 30 years, average 26 years; forty-four, from 11 to 20 years, average 15 years; seventy-one, from 1 to 10 years, average 5 years.

Average time of settlement of sixty, over the churches of which they are now pastors, 7 years; these have been in the ministry, average 11 years each. Average time of settlement of seventy-eight acting-pastors, all of whom are ordained ministers, 4 years; these have been in the ministry, average 16 years each.

IN THE SEVERAL CONFERENCES.

The first and second column of figures, gives the number of ministers in each Conference, and the average years of their ordination. The third, fourth and fifth columns, the number of pastors, average number of years in the present pastorate, and the average number of years in the ministry. The sixth, seventh and eighth columns, the number of acting-pastors, the average number of years as such in the churches with which they are now connected, and the average number of years in the ministry. The ninth and tenth columns, the number without charge, and the average number of years in the ministry. Fractions of years are omitted.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Conferences.	No. of Ministers.	Average Ministerial Age.	Pastors.	Average No. of Years.	Average Ministerial Age.	Acting Pastors.	Average No. of Years.	Average Ministerial Age.	Without charge.	Av'age Ministerial Age.
Aroostook....	5	20	1	2	2	2	2	15	2	34
Cumberland...	26	18	14	7	11	3	5	12	9	30
Cumberland N.	19	14	6	4	7	9	3	15	4	22
Franklin.....	10	22	0	0	0	5	2	13	5	31
Hancock.....	12	19	3	4	4	5	3	14	4	38
Kennebec.....	11	20	4	6	8	4	6	25	3	28
Lincoln & Sag	18	19	7	10	17	8	4	12	3	45
Oxford	8	22	2	16	16	4	2	13	2	44
Penobscot....	15	23	5	6	13	2	23	1	8	29
Piscataquis...	8	16	4	11	14	3	3	13	1	37
Somerset.....	7	25	1	41	21	5	11	18	1	46
Union.....	10	16	3	4	6	6	3	16	1	46
Waldo.....	7	29	3	4	14	0	0	0	4	40
Washington...	9	10	3	7	7	6	1	11	0	0
York.....	25	24	4	3	12	16	4	22	5	37
Fifteen.	190	20	60	7	11	78	4	16	52	34

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COUNTY CONFERENCES.

AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE.

Annual meeting, second Saturday and Sunday in June.—Organized in Houlton, January 22, 1846.—Semi-annual meeting third Saturday and Sunday in September.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, was held with the church in Fort Fairfield, Sept. 14, 15, 1878. Sermon by Rev. Zenas Crowell, of Houlton, 2 Timo., 4:22,—"The Lord Jesus Christ be with thy spirit," followed by the Ordinance of the Lord's Supper, and Sabbath School service. Evening,—Sermon by Rev. I. P. Warren, D. D., of Cumberland Conference, Rev. 21:5.—"Behold I make all things new." Discussions.—What is the best method of increasing the attendance on the Sabbath School. What is our duty outside the Sabbath School. How shall we keep the Sabbath.—How shall we lead all to properly observe the Sabbath. Prayer-meetings during the session. Praise-meeting, Saturday evening, conducted by Rev. Z. Crowell. Reported Ch. Mir., Sept. 21.

THE THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING, with the church in Houlton, in their new church edifice, June 14, 15, 1879. Mr. Luther B. Rogers, of Patten, *Moderator*.—Sermons by Rev. Wm. A. Merrill. of Sherman,—Col., 1:26,27,—The revelation of the Gospel; Rev. Chas. N. Sinnett, of Fort Fairfield, 2 Timo., 2:2,—The things which thou hast heard, commit to faithful men;—Rev. Loren L. Hanscom, in Methodist church, Eph. 5:18,—"Be ye filled with the Spirit." Topics for discussion.—1. Our duty in regard to greater earnestness in Christian work, and the helpfulness of response. 2. How shall the working force of the church be increased. Several prayer and Conference meetings.—Sabbath School gathering. Report of the churches. A meeting was held on the morning of the 15th, of the Young Men's Christian Association, in the Free Baptist church, led by T. Kumas Kinney, giving cheer and help for all the day. The Lord's Supper administered by Revs. William A. Merrill, and Chas. N. Sinnett. "The session has been the most interesting and beneficial for years."

RE-DEDICATION OF THE MEETING-HOUSE IN HOULTON, March 20, 1879. *Services.*—Anthem by the choir; Prayer of Invocation, Rev. Charles N. Sinnett, of Fort Fairfield; Lord's Prayer chanted by the choir; Historical statement, by Rev. Zenas Crowell, Pastor; Responsive reading, Rev. L. L. Hanscom and Congregation, closing with the Doxology,—"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow"; Scripture Reading, Rev. Isaiah Record; Singing by the congregation, a hymn by Rev. Chas. N. Sinnett, "To-day these walls, silent so long, echo again the thoughts which save" Tune,—"Park Street."—Sermon, Rev. George W. Field, D. D., of Bangor. Luke, 8:18,—"Take heed therefore how ye hear"; Anthem by the choir; Prayer, Rev. J. Evarts Pond, of Warren; Singing by congregation; Hymn, by Mrs. George B. Page, "Jehovah! God alone! we come before thy throne, with joyful lays"—Tune,—America: concluding prayer, and benediction, Rev. Wm. A. Merrill, of Sherman.—The dedication of the house was in 1839, June 19. The house was removed to Court street, a more central spot, in 1878. The cost of re-construction (including the land, $800,) was $4,500, of which $2,850, was raised in Houlton; $1,250, from the churches; $400, from Am. Cong. Union. The ladies assumed $225, for painting.—

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The church was organized in 1811, Oct. 13, while Rev. Edmund Eastman, of Limerick, was supplying. It comprised six members from Salem, Mass., and twelve others, none of whom are now living. It was re-organized in 1833, Jan. 24. Its pastors have been, Rev. Chas. C. Beaman, 1839-'40; Samuel P. Abbot, 1841-'44; Wm. T. Savage, 1844-'49; Zenas Crowell, from 1877. Rev. E. G. Carpenter, was acting-pastor, 1859—'65, and part of '66, until his death in 1867. Fifteen others have supplied for short periods. History, and report of re-dedication, in Ch. Mir., March 27, April 5. Rev. G. W. Field, D. D., of Bangor, gave a lecture in aid of the funds, on Wednesday evening previous. Subject,—The Science of Life.

The church in BURLINGTON has broken ground for a NEW MEETING-HOUSE, in place of one burned three years since. The ladies have been gathering funds from that time, and the gentlemen are enlisted in the work.

Rev. CHARLES EDWARD STOWE, (Harvard, 1875, Yale, 1878,) ord. at Hartford, Conn., Dec. 30, 1878, supplied at Presque Isle, during the winter and spring.

Capabilities and wants of Aroostook County, Ed. Ch. Mir., Sept. 14, 21, Octo. 5, 1878.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Caribou, John Henry; Carroll and Springfield, Dea. Hiram Stevens, Carroll; Fort Fairfield, Dea. Hiram Stevens; Houlton, Mrs. Geo. B. Page, A. C.; Island Falls, Albion Merriman; Lee, Seth H. Riggs; Passadumkeag, E. G. Haynes; Patten, Luther B. Rogers; Presque Isle, C. F. A. Johnson; Sherman, Benjamin H. Towle.

Rev. Charles N. Sinnett, of Fort Fairfield, *Scribe, Reporter and Treasurer of Conference.*

Next meeting, at Island Falls, Sept. 20, 21, 1879.

CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE.

Annual meeting, in June.—Organized in Gorham, Dec. 24, 1822.—Semi-annual meeting, third Tuesday and Wednesday in October.

The SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING was held with the Williston church, Portland, Oct. 15,16, 1878. Rev. Joseph Torrey, of Yarmouth, *Moderator.* Opening sermon,—Rev. A. P. Tinker, of Auburn, Luke 5: 10. Theme,—Catching men; our responsibility, and the qualities requisite. Conference sermon,—Rev. Fred. E. Emrich, of Mechanic Falls, Matt. 5:17,—"I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill." Topics for Remarks.—1. How can the Christian activities of the entire membership of the churches be best developed. 2. Woman's work in the church. 3. On what ground should the observance of the Sabbath be urged. 4. Duty of young men to the church. 5. Religious tramps. 6. Bible readings, their use and abuse. 6. Lessons from the Fall River scandals, (defalcations.) 7. The duty of the church towards communism, and kindred evils. A half-hour was spent, Tuesday evening, in a service of song, or praise-meeting, led by Wm. E. Gould, of Deering: the Welsh singers from Ligonia, and the Hughes Brothers, assisting. The Lord's Supper administered by Rev. John J. Carruthers, D. D., of Portland, and Rev. E. Bean, of Gray.

A committee appointed to consider the question of a division of the Conference, reported in favor of it. The recommendation was adopted. In the closing services, impressive reference was made to this as the last session of the original Conference. The Cumberland North Conference was organized in Freeport, Nov. 12, 1878.—Twenty churches; leaving twenty-two to Cumberland Conference.

FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING, with the Second ch., Westbrook, June 10, 11, 1879, Rev. Edwin A. Harlow, of Cape Elizabeth, *Moderator.* Opening sermon, Rev. Herbert W. Lathe, of Plymouth church, Portland,—Rom. 1:1. "Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ."—Conference sermon, Rev. John F. Morgan, of West church,

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Portland, John 13:35,—"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." Wm. E. Gould, delivered an address on the work of our churches, in connection with the Maine Missionary Society. Report of the churches, by Rev. Henry S. Huntington, of Gorham. Praise-meeting, Tuesday evening. Topics for discussion,—The fellowship of the churches; the observance of the Sabbath—Sabbath desecration, especially by summer excursions and resorts.—the summer situation of our churches, growing out of our nearness to the sea-shore, and camp-meetings;—what has the church to offer working-men, and their families; the duty of the church to the young; the present work of the church, in elevating public and private morals; systematic giving. A meeting in behalf of the Woman's Board of Missions was held, conducted by Mrs. H. S. Huntington.

EDWARD SAMPSON TEAD, Boston, Mass., (Amherst, 1875, Yale, 1878,) ordained and installed Pastor of the Warren church, Westbrook, (Cumberland Mills,) Sept. 17, 1878. Rev. Wm. H. Fenn, of Portland, *Moderator of Council.* Clarence Hale, Esq., of Portland, *Scribe.* Introductory service,—Rev. Robert M. Woods, of Hatfield, Mass.; Hymn; Sermon, Rev. Professor Charles M. Mead, of Andover, Rom. 10:4, Christ the end of the law; Ordaining prayer, Rev. John G. Wilson, of Portland; Charge to Pastor, Rev. Joseph B. Clarke, of Boston; Right-hand, Rev. Henry B. Mead, of Sacarappa; Address to the people, Rev. Addison Blanchard, former Pastor; Hymn; Prayer and Benediction.

ARTHUR NORMAN WARD, of Plymouth, N. H., (Dartmouth, 1872, Andover, '77,) ordained Pastor of the First church, Falmouth, Feb. 25, 1879. Rev. Israel P. Warren, of Portland, *Moderator* of Council; Rev. Frank W. Sanborn, of Yarmouth, *Scribe.* — Invocation, Rev. Wm. H. Haskell, of 2d ch., Falmouth; Reading the Scriptures, by the Scribe; Sermon, Rev. George H. Scott, of Plymouth, N. H.,—John 7:46, Christ, the Model Preacher; Ordaining prayer, Rev. Joseph Torrey, of Yarmouth; Charge to Pastor, Rev. Frank E. Clark, of Portland; Right-hand, Rev. Edward S. Tead, of Cumberland Mills; Address to the people, Rev. Trueman S. Perry, of Cumberland; Prayer, Rev. Wm. A. Bosworth, of Deering; Benediction by Pastor.

At a meeting of the Second church, Portland, Nov. 25, 1878, a committee were appointed to confer with Rev. JOHN J. CARRUTHERS, D. D., and make all necessary arrangements for the calling of a council in reference to his release from the pastorate, agreeably to his request. (See also Minutes, 1878, p. 58.) The council met Dec. 4, 1878, Rev. Edward Y. Hincks, of Portland, *Moderator;* Rev. William A. Bosworth, *Scribe.* The relation was dissolved, with the adoption of resolutions expressive of their esteem and veneration, and the fidelity and ability with which he has fulfilled for three-score years, the duties of a minister, preacher and pastor. Record, Portland Press, Dec. 5, Ch. Mir., Dec. 7. Notice of Dr. C. in Portland Press, Nov. 30, and Ch. Mirror, Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 1878, Feb. 22, 1879. His friends gathered at his house, with gifts, on his 78th birthday, Sept. 17, 1878, which was finely decorated with flowers and mottoes.

Rev. EDWARD PAYSON GARDNER, acting-pastor of this church, from Dec, 30, 1877, preached his farewell sermon, Nov. 17, 1878. Text,—Phil. 4:1. "Stand fast in the Lord." Reso. of church, Ch. Mir., Nov. 23.

CHARLES ALBERT DICKINSON, of Westminister, Vt., (Harvard, 1876, Andover, 1879,) pastor-elect of this church, to be ordained and installed in the autumn. Call given by the church, Jan. 15, 1879, and ratified by the Parish, Jan. 22. Rev. Chas. L. Mills, of Andover, Mass., supplies from July 13, to Sept., 1879.

The Young People's Union, of this church, publish monthly, "The Ambassador." 4 pp., containing items of interest pertaining to the church. Twelve numbers have been issued.

Rev. HENRY FABRAR, late of Gilead, supplied the First church, Falmouth, July, August, 1878.

The new CHURCH EDIFICE of WILLISTON CHURCH, PORTLAND, was opened for public worship, Sept. 1, 1878. It is to be formally dedicated when free from debt. A prayer-meeting was held at 8 A. M., and at 10:30. Rev. Frank E. Clark, Pastor,

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preached from 1 Kings 9:3, "I have hallowed this house, which thou hast built, to put my name there forever: and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually." Fifteen were added to the church, and nine children baptized. Ch. Mirror, Sept. 7, 14. Appropriate services were held in the former house, on leaving it the Sabbath previous, Aug. 25.

The subject of the morning's discourse, Nov. 17, was,—"We will cancel our debt." At one o'clock the last dollar of the amount ($10,000,) was pledged—to be paid within the year 1879, and the service closed with the Doxology. The session of the Sabbath school, in the afternoon, was the largest ever held. A joyous praise-meeting in the evening. Ch. Mir., Nov. 23.

Two deacons elected, J. F. Jefferds, and S. R. Wilcox, were consecrated to that office, March 2, 1879. Reported, Ch. Mir., March 8.

High street church, Portland, was closed for repairs a few weeks during the pastor's summer vacation, 1878.—A collection was taken in this church of $85. Sept. 22, for the yellow fever sufferers in the South.

The church in Deering, Woodford's Corner, as an Easter offering, extinguished their indebtedness, ($824,) and raised also $350, for improvements upon their already new and neat house. The Parish own property worth $12,000. Nearly every pew is rented in the house.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHURCH IN WINDHAM, was observed Dec. 22, 1878. This church was organized Dec. 15, 1743, the fifth in the county, and fifteenth in the State. (The town was New Marblehead to 1762.) Historical address by Rev. Luther Wiswall, who has been Pastor from 1854. Former pastors have been John Wight, Peter T. Smith, Nathaniel Stone, Asa Lyman, Gardiner Kellogg, Wm. Gragg, Jonathan L. Hale, John W. Shepard, William Warren, John Perham, all of whom have died. Rev. Gardiner Kellogg baptized in 1818, John Albion Andrew, who was born in Windham, May 31, of that year, and whose parents, Jonathan and Nancy Andrew, were received into full communion with the church, on the day of their son's baptism. That son was afterwards the renowned Governor of Massachusetts.

A Sabbath School fellowship meeting, comprising schools in Portland, Cape Elizabeth, Deering, Falmouth, Westbrook, Gorham and Windham, was held Feb. 5, with Warren church, Sacarappa; Feb. 26, Deering, Woodford's Corner; March 19, High street church, Portland; May 14, Gorham. Pastors and teachers and friends, met for discussion and social intercourse, one day and evening.

A Congregational Club was formed at Portland, April 9, 1879. Woodbury S. Dana, President; Rev. Edward Y. Hincks, Vice-President; Wm. E. Gould, Secretary. After a collation, at 6 P. M., a discussion was had on the question, What extent and in what manner may the influence of Christian men best be exerted in the matter of politics. Reported, Portland Press, April 10; Mirror, April 12.

A second meeting was held May 19, at which 54 new members were added, making a total of 96. Wm. E. Gould, read an essay on the adaptedness of Congregationalism to mission work in Maine. A discussion was held on the taxation of church property. The third meeting was held June 16. A discussion on the proper observance of the Sabbath, introduced by J. W. Fiske, Esq., son of Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D., of Bath.

Dea. Charles Austin Lord, died in Portland, Aug. 7, 1878, æt. 72; b. Kennebunkport, 1806, May 11. Grad. Bowdoin, 1826, of which he was one of the Trustees, from 1873. Bookseller in New York; publisher and editor of a paper in St. Louis, Mo.; came to Portland in 1851, and was associated with Rev. Asa Cummings, D. D., in editing the Christian Mirror. On the decease of Dr. C. in 1856, became editor and proprietor, continuing to 1874, when he sold the establishment, and retired from public life. In memoriam by Rev. F. E. Clark, in Williston Chapel.—Ob. Ch. Mir., Aug. 10., Con'l, Aug. 6, Ch. Mir., Aug. 31, by Rev. C. B. Rice, of Danvers, Mass. Ch. Mir. Sept. 14, by Rev. T. L. Shipman, of Conn.

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Mrs. Julia M., widow of Rev. John Wilde, Pastor in Falmouth, 2d ch., 1845-'52, and Topsham, 1853-'4, died in New York, June 28, 1878, æt. 74.—Mrs. Elizabeth Payson Prentiss, wife of Rev. Geo. L. Prentiss, and daughter of Rev. Edward Payson, D. D., died in Dorset, Vt., July, 1878, æt. 55. Christian Mirror, Aug. 17.—Mrs. Leonora W., mother of Rev. I. P. Warren, D. D., Ed. of Ch. Mirror, in Scranton, Pa., Octo., 1878, æt. 87.—Miss Judith Rowe, in New Gloucester, Nov. 22, 1878, æt. 96. She educated seven mute children of her brother Zebulon, among whom was Rev. Samuel Rowe, Minister to the Deaf Mutes in this State.—Mrs. Hannah, wife of Rev. James Rowell, and eldest daughter of Rev. Asa Cummings, D. D., died in San Francisco, Jan. 15, 1879, æt. 54. Ch. Mir., Mar. 1.—Dea. Thomas R. Hayes, in Portland, Mar. 15, 1879, æt. 60. A faithful officer in State st. church, Portland. L. D., in Ch. Mir., Apr. 5,—Mrs. Sarah W., widow of the late Rev. J. B. Condit, D. D., Pastor, Second ch., Portland, July, 1838,—'45, at the residence of her son-in-law, Rev. C. F. Dibble, Perry, N. Y., June 14.—Mrs. Susan Gates, widow of the late Dea. John How, of Portland, at the residence of her son, Dr. W. Storer How, Cincinnati, O., July 2, æt. 81. Ob., H. I., in Ch. Mir., July 12.

The Annual Meeting of the Portland Seamen's Friend Society, was held Jan. 22, 1879. Capt. Washington Ryan, *President;* Rev. Francis Southworth, Pastor of Bethel church, *Secretary;* Maj. John M. Gould, *Treasurer.* Libraries numbering 254, and 1500 packages of books, have been placed on ship-board during the year.—Rept. Ch. Mir., Feb. 1.

Clerks of the Churches.—Baldwin, T. D. Richardson; Cape Elizabeth, First church, Rev. E. A. Harlow; Cape Elizabeth, Welsh, Ligonia church, Rev. J. P. Evans, Ligonia, Portland P. O.; Cumberland, Rev. T. S. Perry; Deering, First ch., Dea. H. H. Dow, 35 Oak street, Portland; Deering, Woodford's Corner, Dea. Wm. E. Gould; Falmouth First, Rev. J. C. Adams; Falmouth Second, Samuel Bell; Gorham, Stephen Hinkley; Portland Second church, John W. D. Carter; High st. church, Daniel Evans; Fourth church, Henry A. Murray: Bethel church, Rev. F. Southworth; State street church, Edward P. Oxnard; St. Lawrence street church, Benjamin Thompson; West Congregational church, Ebenezer M. Gay, No. 3 Hemlock street; Plymouth church, C. S. D. Griffin, jr.; Williston church, L. R. Loring, box 1136; Scarboro, Dea. George W. Libby, Oak Hill; Standish, Rev. J. P. Trowbridge; Turner, Horace True; Westbrook First church, (now Deering First church,) Dea. H. H. Dow; Westbrook Second church, Dea. Harlan P. Murch, Saccarappa; Westbrook, Warren church, Cumberland Mills, Dea. James Graham; Windham, Rev. Luther Wiswall.

Rev. Edward S. Tead, of Cumberland Mills, *Scribe of Conference;* Rev. Henry S. Huntington, of Gorham, *Registrar and Treasurer.* Next meeting in Scarboro, Oct. 15, 16, 1879.

CUMBERLAND NORTH CONFERENCE.

Formed in Freeport, Nov. 12, 1878. Annual meeting, in June. Semi-annual meeting, third Tuesday in October.

At the semi-annual session of the Cumberland Conference held in Portland, Oct. 16, 1878, resolutions were adopted, reported by a committee appointed at the annual meeting June 12, 1878, in New Gloucester, favoring a division of the Conference, then numbering forty-two churches, and the formation of a new Conference.

A circular was sent by a committee, consisting of Revs. George S. Dickerman, of Lewiston, Anson P. Tinker, of Auburn, and Ebenezer Bean, of Gray, appointed at a meeting held in High street church, Auburn, June 26, 1878, to the following

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churches, asking their co-operation, and membership in a new Conference, to be taken from the Cumberland Conference, presenting the advantages of a division:—Auburn, High st., Sixth st., and West; Brunswick; Cumberland; Durham; Freeport and South Freeport; Gray; Harpswell; Lewiston, Pine st.; Mechanic Falls; Minot Center, West Minot and Hebron; New Gloucester; North Yarmouth; Poland; Pownal; Yarmouth First, and Central;—Twenty churches.

A meeting for organization was held in Freeport, Nov. 12, 1878, which after devotional exercises, led by Bro. A. Rice, was called to order by Rev. Alpheus S. Packard, D. D., of Brunswick. Rev. Ebenezer Bean, of Gray, was elected MODERATOR; Rev. Lauriston Reynolds, of Auburn, SCRIBE. A constitution was presented, discussed, and adopted.

The name,—CUMBERLAND NORTH CONFERENCE.

Revs. Joseph S. Cogswell, of West Auburn, and John G. Leavitt, of New Gloucester, Committee on Nominations.

Afternoon.—Devotional exercises led by Rev. J. S. Cogswell. Topics for Remarks, 1. The fellowship of the church,—how promoted. 2. A holy church,—its features and power. In the evening, a praise-meeting was held, conducted by Rev. J. G. Leavitt, after which a half-hour was spent socially. Then followed interesting reports from the churches.

Wednesday, Nov. 13.—Devotional exercises, and conference. Topic,—Cultivation of personal godliness, and the fruits that follow it. Conference sermon,—Rev. J. G. Leavitt, John 17:15, "I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil." The Lord's Supper administered by Revs. Geo. S. Dickerman, of Lewiston, and Trueman S. Perry, of Cumberland. A collection was taken each day, to form a fund to aid feeble churches. "The entire exercises were of deep interest, and pervaded by a tender, and loving spirit."

THE FIRST ANNUAL MEETING was held with the church in Gray, June 10, 11, 1879. Rev. George S. Dickerman, Lewiston, *Moderator.*—Opening sermon,—Rev. Anson P. Tinker, of Auburn, Rev. 2:14. Lessons from the character of Balaam.—Conference sermon, Rev. Joseph Torrey, D. D., of Yarmouth, 2 Cor., 12:9. Strength through infirmity. Topics for Remarks,—1. The churches in this Conference, (a,) their needs; (b,) the source of their power; (c,) their mission; (d,) duty to the non-church going population, in the outlying neighborhoods. 2. Religion in the family. 3. Observance of the Sabbath. 4. The importance of Sabbath school work, and the need of greater zeal and efficiency, in this field of Christian activity. Praise-meeting, on Tuesday evening, led by J. T. Merrill, followed by a free Conference. The church in Turner was received to this Conference, transferred from Oxford Conference.

"Universal satisfaction is expressed in regard to the formation of this new Conference, and there is evinced a hearty purpose to make the organization a means for a closer fellowship of the churches, and greater Christian enterprise in all directions."

FRANK WOOD SANBORN, of Marblehead, Mass., (Amherst, 1875, Andover, 1878,) ordained Pastor of Central church, Yarmouth, Dec. 18, 1878. Rev. Joseph Torrey, of Yarmouth, *Moderator* of Council; Rev. Wm. A. Bosworth, of Deering, *Scribe.* Introductory service, Rev. Thomas M. Davies, of North Yarmouth; Sermon,—Rev. John H. Williams, of Marblehead, Mass., 1 Cor. 1:23. "We preach Christ crucified"; ordaining prayer by Moderator; charge to Pastor, Rev. Frank E. Clark, of Portland; right-hand, by Scribe; address to people, Rev. Trueman S. Perry, of Cumberland; prayer, Rev. F. E. Clark; benediction by Pastor.

CHARLES GALEN HOLYOKE, of Yarmouth, (Bowdoin, 1868, Bangor, 1875,) was by the same council ordained as an Evangelist.

Rev. EZRA H. BYINGTON, acting-pastor at Brunswick, from 1871, Jan. 17, resigns his charge, Sept. 22, 1878.—Mr. B. removed to Andover, Mass.

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A Ministerial Council called by the church in Freeport, met at that place, July 2, 1878, Rev. Israel P. Warren, D. D., Portland, *Moderator;* Rev. Addison Blanchard, of Cumberland Mills, *Scribe.*

They were to consider and advise as to the orthodoxy of Rev. George Michael, their acting-pastor, and the expediency of his remaining with that church, another year. The council referred the first item to a council of the churches, and advise adversely to his remaining with them. Mr. M. subsequently went to Pennsylvania.

PRESTON B. WING (Bangor, 1879,) supplies this church from June, 1879.

Rev. RICHARD WICKETT, of Baldwin, will supply the churches in Durham and Pownal, from July 1, 1879.

Union meetings were held in Turner, during the week of prayer.

Rev. Joseph Blake, Pastor in Cumberland, 1841—'59, dismissed from the church in Gilmanton, N. H., June 3, 1879, after a faithful service of 18 years.—Rev. Stacy Fowler, a. p., North Yarmouth, 1862-'3, and Turner, 1864—'66, supplied Chambers street Mission Chapel, Boston, 1878-'9,—Nath. F. Carter, a. p. North Yarmouth, 1867-'9, dismissed May 22, 1879, from Bellows Falls, Vt., and goes to Quechee, Vt.,—Henry M. Perkins, a. p. New Gloucester, 1874-'5, accepts call to Chandlerville, Ills.

The Congregational Church in Cumberland observed its eighty-fifth anniversary, Sept. 1, 1878. An historical discourse was preached by Rev. Trueman S. Perry, acting-pastor from 1874. It has had six pastors; three acting-pastors; twelve deacons; 434 members.

A narrative showing the value of neighborhood work in connection with the church at New Gloucester, is given by J. E. Bailey, in Ch. Mir., Feb. 1, 1879.—Annie Louise Cary, with her wide-world fame, still loves her native home in Durham. On her visit there in July, 1878, she sung on the 28th instant, in the village church, much to the delight and profit of the large audience.

THE CHURCH-EDIFICE AT NORTH YARMOUTH, which had been closed for repairs since Sept. 1, was re-opened with appropriate services Nov. 20, 1878, participated in by three former ministers, Stacy Fowler, of Cambridge, Mass., 1862-'3; Benjamin P. Snow, of Alfred, 1869—'72; Ernest F. Borchers, of Barrington, N. H., 1873—'7.

Deac. Rufus Sweetser died in Cumberland, Feb. 11, 1879, æt. 72. Ob. Ch. Mir., Feb. 22...Mrs. Elizabeth Packard, in Hebron, Mar. 26, æt. 82, a faithful member of the church, a half-century.....Gideon L. Soule, LL. D., in Exeter, N. H., May 28. æt. 83. A native of Freeport, and brother of Rev. Charles Soule, pastor in Norway, 1837—'45. Dr. S. was principal of Exeter Academy, 1838—'73. Ob. Ch. Mir., June 7.

Rev. Samuel Rowe, of New Gloucester, Pastor of the Deaf Mutes in the State, gives a Report of the Maine Deaf Mute Mission, in Ch. Mir., June 7, 1879. Services have been held in Auburn, Augusta, Bangor, Belfast, Gray, New Gloucester, Oxford, Portland, Saco, Topsham, and Turner.—Notice of service, Jan. 5, 1879. in New Gloucester, by J. E. Bailey, in Ch. Mir., Jan. 11.

Meetings of Temperance Reform Clubs have been held in Gray, Jan. 30, 31; Brunswick, March 5, 6; Lewiston, April 24; Yarmouth, April 29, 30.

Ex-Governor Dingley, ex-Moderator of the General Conference, left for a foreign tour, Oct. 5, 1878, and was welcomed to his home in Lewiston, on the day of his return, June 12, 1879, by a public reception at City Hall. Letters from him have appeared weekly in the Lewiston Journal, among them, those from Constantinople, narrating the work of missions in Turkey, and from Italy and Greece, referring to scenes in Paul's travels and missionary labors.

The clergymen of Lewiston and Auburn, have held fraternal meetings, each Monday morning.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Auburn, J. R. Learned; Auburn, West. Rev. J. S. Cogswell; Auburn, Sixth street church, Rev. L. Reynolds; Baldwin, T. D. Richardson; Brunswick, John Furbish; Durham, Wm. F. Osgood; Freeport, Daniel Curtis; Freeport South, Jeremiah Talbot; Gorham, Stephen Hinkley; Gray, David B. Cummings; Harpswell, Wm. C. Eaton; Lewiston, Pine street church, Fred B. Sands;

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Mechanic Falls, J. M. Eveleth, M. D.; Minot Center, Dea. S. W. Shaw; Hebron and West Minot, Wm. Lowell, W. Minot; New Gloucester, Dea. A. C. Chandler; North Yarmouth, N. W. F. Sweetser; Poland, Mrs. George Waterhouse; Pownal, Azar Mitchell; Turner, Horace True; Yarmouth, First church, Rev. Joseph Torrey: Central church, Barnabas Freeman.

Rev. Thomas M. Davies, of N. Yarmouth, *Scribe of Conference;* Rev. Joseph S. Cogswell, of West Auburn, *Registrar and Treasurer.* Next meeting in West Auburn, Oct. 20, 21, 1879.

FRANKLIN CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, in June. Organized in Strong, Jan. 15, 1839.

Fortieth Annual Meeting was held with the church in Weld, June 10, 11, 1879. Dea. Silas Wilder, of Temple, *Moderator.* Sermons by Rev. Albert W. Moore, of Farmington, 1 John 3:23,—On Faith. Rev. John G. Wilson, of Weld, Eph. 5:27. The Relation between Christ and the Church. Topics for discussion,—1. Duty of the church toward the young. Mr. Green, of Everett, Mass., spoke of the formation of a Juvenile Temperance Society in that place. 2. The claims of the age upon the church. 3. The practical obligations of the church covenant. 4. In what consists the weakness, and what the power of the church. 5. Duty of Christians in relation to the missionary cause. 5. How to be able to give. 6. What is included in a Christian observance of the Sabbath. A praise-meeting on Tuesday evening. A meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary Board of Missions, Wednesday, A. M. The Lord's Supper administered by Rev. J. Loring Pratt, of Strong, and Rev. M. Houghton, of the F. B. ch, Lawrence, Mass.

Daniel Olin Clark, (Boston University, 1876, Bangor Sem., 1878,) ordained as an Evangelist in New Sharon, June 20, 1878. (Record, Minutes, 1878, p. 61.)

Rev. Osgood W. Rogers, Pastor of Farmington church, from 1876, preached his farewell sermon, Oct. 26, 1878.—Council met to dissolve the connection, Oct. 22.—Rev. John W. H. Baker, of New Sharon, *Moderator;* Rev. Uriah W. Small, of Wilton, *Scribe.* Record, Ch. Mir., Nov. 0. Mr. R. accepts call to Bridgton.

Rev. Albert Weston Moore, of Malden, Mass., (Dartmouth, 1864, Andover, 1872,) acting-pastor at Farmington, from February, 1879. Mr. M. has been supplying at Bristol, N. H.

George W. Reynolds, *Lic.*, supplied at Industry, four months from May 26, 1878. Jabez Backus, of Colchester, Conn., *Lic.*, three months from June, 1879, at New Vineyard, Industry and Weston Mills.

Rev. John B. Wheelwright, has been supplying at Rangely Lake, from Nov., 1878.

Robert Peacock, a. p., Temple, preached his farewell sermon, June 8, 1879.

Rev. John G. Wilson, closed labors at Weld, June 29.

Charles F. Thwing, of Farmington, called to North Avenue Cong. church, Boston, June 1879.

The church and society in Farmington, have renovated and repaired their meeting-house,—an extension has been built for the organ and choir,—aisles carpeted,—pews, walls, and ceiling painted.

The Annual Convention of Franklin County Sabbath School Association was held at Wilton, Dec. 5, 6, 1878. Rev. Webster Woodbury, President; Deac. Edward P. Packard, of Wilton, Secretary. Address by the President on the need of a more intelligent study of the word of God.

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The chapel at Farmington Falls, soon to be completed.

Mrs. Lawrence R., widow of Rev. John A. Vinton, Pastor in New Sharon, 1832—'34, and Exeter, 1835-'36, died in Winchester, Mass., Dec. 31, 1878, æt. 65.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Farmington, Joseph P. Thwing; Farmington Falls, Mrs. J. G. Brown; Industry, W. M. Bryant; New Sharon, F. M. Howes; New Vineyard, John McLain: Phillips, Joseph N. Worthly; Strong, S. B. Luce; Temple, Abel Sampson; Weld, Timothy H. Frye; Wilton, Edward P. Packard.

Edward P. Packard, of Wilton, *Scribe of Conference;* Rev. J. Loring Pratt, of Strong, *Reporter;* Dea. Joseph P. Thwing, of Farmington, *Treasurer.*

HANCOCK CONFERENCE.

Annual meeting in June. Organized in Bucksport, May 10, 1825. Semi-annual meeting—time appointed at the annual meeting.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING was held with the church in Orland, Oct. 8, 9, 1878, Opening sermon, Rev. Hiram Houston, of Deer Isle, 2 Pet. 3:18, The duty and means of growth in grace. Conference sermon, Rev. Lewis J. Thomas, of Castine, Eph. 6:10. "Be strong in the Lord." Topics discussed,—1. Christianity in the house; in business; in politics. 2. How to secure a better observance of the Sabbath. 3. Methods of Home Evangelization. 4. Place and work of the church in the present Temperance reform movement. Praise service, on Tuesday evening.—The Lord's Supper administered by Rev. Sewall Tenney, D. D., of Ellsworth, and Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine.

FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING, with the church in Bucksport, June 17, 18, 1879. Nathaniel H. Powers, of Orland, *Moderator.* Opening sermon, Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine, Heb. 13: 5.—Theme,—The presence of God with His people. Conference sermon, Rev. Sewall Tenney, D. D., of Ellsworth, Rev. 21:7. "He that overcometh, shall inherit all things." Topics for remarks,—1. Value of evangelistic work to the churches. 2. Sabbath school work. 3. The relative value of church services. Rev. Amos Redlon presented the cause of the Hallowell Classical School. The Report of the state of the churches by the Scribe was encouraging. The Lord's Supper administered by Revs. Sewall Tenney, of Ellsworth, and Lewis J. Thomas, of Castine.

REV. CHARLES J. H. ROPES, (Yale, 1872, Andover, 1875,) ordained Pastor of the church in Ellsworth, August 15, 1877. Dates of graduation corrected.—Record, Minutes, 1878, p. 62.

REV. LEWIS J. THOMAS, ordained Pastor of the church in Castine, June 18, 1878. By the same Council, Rev. Alfred E. Ives, was released from the pastorate, (Minutes, 1878, p. 62.)

REV. ALBERT NEWTON JONES, (Bangor, 1871,) late of Jackson and Brooks, acting-pastor at Mt. Desert from April, 1879. During the previous winter, Mr. Jones labored in connection with REV. AMOS REDLON, in Somesville, South-west Harbor, Bass Harbor, and other districts of Mt. Desert. Mr. R. was there from Oct. 1, 1878, to April 1, 1879. The people of S. W. Harbor have in view the building of a meeting-house. The ladies have about $300 in funds towards it.

Rev. William Forsyth, of Bucksport, supplies the church in Orland, Sabbath afternoons. Rev. Joseph Smith, of Orland, preaches in the evening, on alternate Sabbaths.

Henry B. Fay, of Bangor, supplied the church in North Deer Isle, during the summer of 1878.

Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine, was a member of the Legislature of Maine, 1879.

Rev. Joseph P. Stinchfield, closed his labors at Mt. Desert, in the summer of '78. and went to Bridgton.—(Resident.)

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Dea. Samuel Adams died in Castine, Oct. 4, 1878, æt. 88. One of the founders of the church in C.; a deacon for more than forty years, and superintendent of the Sabbath school for about the same length of time. He left in aid of the church and society, $2000; to the Sabbath school, $400; to the Adams fuel fund, for the poor, $6000; Maine Missionary Society, $2000; Am. Bd. C. F. M., $1500; Bangor Theo. Sem'y, $1000; Maine Cong'l Charitable Society, $1000; Seaman's Friend's Society, $800; Am. Miss'y Asso'n, $800; Am. Bible Society, $500. He was a constant and interested attendant on all meetings at Conference. Ob. Bangor Whig, Oct. 12, Mirror, Oct. 12.

Mrs. Eliza C., widow of Deac. Henry Darling, Bucksport, died Jan. 20, 1879,—æt. 86.

Mrs. Harriet M. Silsby, died in Aurora, April 22, 1879. Clerk and Deaconess of the church of Amherst and Aurora.—Ob. by G. E. Chapin, in Mirror, May 3.

Letter from Rev. Henry Blodgett, D. D., Peking, China, in Mirror, March 29.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Amherst and Aurora, Ida Foster, Amherst; Bluehill, Samuel B. Johnson; West Brooksville, M. J. Farnham; Bucksport, Dea. Edward Swasey; Castine, Rev. A. E. Ives; Deer Isle, First church, Joseph Saunders; Deer Isle, Second church, Wm. E. Powers, North Deer Isle; Ellsworth, John H. Brimmer; Isle au Haut, Elcy S. Turner; Orland, A. P. Emerson; Sedgwick and Brooksville, Dea. S. Allen, North Brooksville; Sedgwick Village, D. J. Cunningham, Brooklin; Somesville, Mt. Desert, R. L. Grindle, M. D.; Tremont and Mt. Desert, Thomas Clark, S. W. Harbor.

Rev. Daniel W. Hardy, of Bluehill, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference.*

The next meeting is at Somesville, Mt. Desert, Oct. 7, 8, 1879.

KENNEBEC CONFERENCE.

Annual meeting in June.—Organized in Winthrop, Oct. 29, 1823.—Semi-annual meeting, fourth Tuesday and Wednesday in October.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING held in connection with Somerset Conference, at Winslow, Oct. 8, 9, 1878.—Rev. Henry F. Harding, of Hallowell, *Moderator.*—Sermons, Rev. Webster Woodbury, of Skowhegan, Heb. 11:6, Man's personal relation to a personal God. Conference sermon, Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, Sec. Me. Miss'y Society,—Rom. 14:8,—"Whether we live therefore or die, we are the Lord's."—Wednesday evening, Rev. Austin L. Park, of Gardiner. Topics for discussion,—Our needs and resources to make this Conference a special blessing; personal work for souls; practical obligations of the church covenant; elements of weakness, and power in the church; the Sabbath,—what are its obligations; benevolent work of the church, how made successful, and what relation to its spiritual growth. An essay was read by Rev. A. L. Park, of Gardiner, in the form of an Allegory.—Subject,—Amusements,—followed by a discussion. (This paper was published in Ch. Mirror, Oct. 26.) Three prayer-meetings were held; a praise and promise meeting, and a praise and fellowship service. Brief testimonies of Christian work in the churches, were given. A time was allotted to the "Question Box"; to social recess, and refreshments in the Town Hall. The ordinance of the Lord's Supper was administered by Rev. Thomas Adams, D. D., of Winslow, and Rev. Henry V. Emmons, of Hallowell. Closing remarks followed the sermon on Wednesday evening.

FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING held with the church in Monmouth, June 10, 11, 1879, Rev. John Dinsmore, of Winslow, *Moderator.* Opening sermon, Rev. Chas. A. White, of Hallowell, 1 Sam. 2:30, "For them that honor me, I will honor,

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and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed," and in the evening, from Rom. 2:16,—"In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men, by Jesus Christ, according to my Gospel." Conference sermon, by the Moderator, Mal. 3:17. "And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of Hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels," etc. Topics for remarks,—How can we encourage better attendance on religious services; Christian nurture; how should family religious services be conducted; our relations and duties to the temperance cause. Report of the churches, by delegates. Promise and praise-meeting, Tuesday evening, led by the Moderator. Question Box opened. Lord's supper administered by Revs. Josiah T. Hawes, of Litchfield, and Charles A. White of Hallowell.

Rev. CHARLES ABNER WHITE, of Palmer, Mass., (Williams, 1870, Andover, 1873,) installed Pastor of the South Church, Hallowell, Oct. 24, 1878. Rev. John Dinsmore, *Moderator* of the Council; Rev. Ezra N. Smith, of Waterville, *Scribe*. Public services.—Anthem, by the choir; invocation, Rev. Warren F. Bickford, of Winthrop; reading the Scriptures, by the Scribe; Anthem, "The Lord is my Shepherd;" Sermon, Rev. John S. Sewall, D. D., Prof. Theo. Sem., Bangor, Acts 3:2,3—"Silver and gold I have none," etc. A comparison of the aims and methods of the State, Society, and Christianity; Anthem, "Shepherd of thine Israel, lead us;" installing prayer, by the Moderator; charge to the Pastor, Rev. Anson P. Tinker, of Auburn; right-hand, Rev. Wm. C. Curtiss, of Richmond; address to people, Rev. A. L. Park, of Gardiner; Hymn, 1010, Songs of Sanctuary, "We bid thee welcome;" prayer, Rev. W. A. Newcomb, (Bap.,) of Hallowell; benediction by Pastor.

The SEMI-CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY of the organization of the CHURCHES IN WINSLOW AND WATERVILLE were held Aug. 25, 1878. The first session was held in Waterville, at 10 o'clock A. M. After the opening exercises, conducted by Revs. Ezra N. Smith, John Dinsmore, and Edward Hawes,—Rev. Thomas Adams, D. D., whose sixtieth anniversary of ordination was also commemorated, gave a brief account of his labors in connection with these churches, as their first minister. Rev. Ezra N. Smith, the present acting-pastor, delivered an historical discourse, Ps. 48:12. "Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell ye the towers thereof." The services closed with a Hymn by the choir, and benediction by Rev. B. A. Robie.

In the afternoon, services were held in Winslow. Devotional exercises led by Revs. E. N. Smith, J. Dinsmore, and B. A. Robie.—Rev. John Dinsmore, who has been acting-pastor, from 1862, preached an historical discourse. Exo. 20:24, "In all places where I record my name, I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee"—and Leviticus 25:10, "Ye shall hallow the fiftieth year." At the close of the discourse, a communion service was held conducted by Rev. Drs. Thomas Adams, of Winslow, and Edward Hawes, of New Haven, Conn., former Pastors in Waterville.

In the evening, at Waterville, there was a social gathering, Rev. John Dinsmore, presiding. After prayer by Rev. Dr. Adams, there followed a praise service. Letters were read by Joseph L. Towne, Clerk of the Church, from former Pastors,—Revs. Richard B. Thurston, of Saybrook, Conn., 1846-'55; William B. Green, of Scituate, Mass., 1855-'58; and from Rev. Roswell D. Hitchcock, D. D., of New York. Addresses were delivered by two former pastors, Revs. Benj. A. Robie, of Groton, Mass., 1866-'71, and Edward Hawes, D. D., of New Haven, Conn., 1858-'64, and by Rev. Henry E. Robins, D. D., President of Colby University, and several members of the Cong'l church. An interesting occasion. There was appropriate singing at each of the sessions during the day and evening.

The discourse by Rev. E. N. Smith, and a Report of the anniversary, A. M., P. M., and evening, are published in the Waterville Mail, Aug. 30, and the discourse of Rev. J. Dinsmore, in the same paper, Sept. 6, with a Poem written for the occasion, by H. Augusta Moore, and a letter from David Shepley, D. D., of Providence, acting-pastor at Winslow, 1851-'62.

Rev. Thomas Adams was the minister at Winslow, 1818-'28, while it was a branch of the church at Vassalboro, where he was Pastor 1818-'34. He was minister at Waterville, 1835-'38.

Rev. Wm. May was ordained on the same day of the organization of the church in Winslow, Aug. 27, 1828. Sermon by Rev. Thomas Adams, who was Scribe of the Council, 2 Cor. 4:13. Mr. May was Pastor to 1832. The subsequent Pastors were

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Henry C. Jewett, 1835-'42; Albert Cole, 1847-'50. Whole number connected with this church, 222; present number, 106. The meeting-house was built in 1796 by the town. Refitted in 1825, and 1853. Parsonage, 1862. Chapel, 1874.

The first minister in Waterville was Mr. Joshua Cushman, employed by the town, and ordained June, 1795, in a booth of green boughs. Three meeting-houses were built by the town in 1790.—One on the town common in the village; another in what is now Winslow; the third in West Waterville,—all then included in the town of Waterville. In 1806, Rev. David Thurston spent nine weeks here; in 1817, Noah Emerson, of Vassalboro, a short time. In 1827-'28, Rev. Eber Carpenter came, and a church comprising twelve members, was organized Aug. 21, 1828. Rev. D. Thurston was Moderator of the Council; Rev. Thomas Adams, Scribe. Revs. Benj. Tappan, Geo. Shepard, and Josiah Peet were the other ministers present. Dr. E. Gillett, Sect'y of the Maine Miss'y Society, and others sent by the Society, labored from time to time. Rev. Hermon Stinson, supplied a few months in 1831; Rev. Rev. Jotham Sewall, 1831; Rev. Josiah Tucker, 1832; Allen Gannett, four months in 1833; Rev. John A. Vinton, 1834; Rev. Thomas Adams came in 1834, and was Pastor from 1836 to 1838; Calvin E. Park, Pastor 1838-'44; Richard B. Thurston, 1846-'55; William B. Green, 1855-'58; Edward Hawes, 1858-'64; Benj. A. Robie, 1866-'71; John T. Crumrine, 1874-'75. Roswell D. Hitchcock was acting-pastor in 1845; Phineas C. Headley, 1865; Calvin G. Hill, 1871; James Cameron, 1872-'74; Charles D. Crane, 1875-'76; Ezra N. Smith from July, 1877, and now supplying.

The vestry was dedicated Sept. 27, 1836. Sermon by Rev. Thomas Adams.—The number of members received to the church on profession of faith, 226; by letter, 131,=357. Dismissed, 102; deceased, 76,=178. Present number, 179.

Rev. James H. Ecob, of Augusta, returned from his foreign tour Dec. 1, 1878, having been absent 6½ months. He re-occupied his pulpit on the first Sabbath in January following. Rev. Daniel R. Cady, D. D., who supplied four months in his absence, died in Westboro, Mass., May 17, 1879. (See Necrology.)

Miss Sarah F. Gilman, eldest surviving daughter of Deac. Samuel K. Gilman, Hallowell, died Nov. 26, 1878. N. A., in Cong., Dec. 4.....Rev. George J. Means, a native of Augusta, died in that city, May 30, 1879, æt. 52. He was a brother of Rev. John O. Means, D. D., of Boston, and Pastor 13 years in Howells, New York.

The meeting-house of the Old South Church, Hallowell, was burned Sabbath morning, between 3 and 5 o'clock Dec. 1, 1878. The house was built in 1796. The organ was built in London, 1817, and brought to this country and set up by Mr. Corrie, in 1823, in this church, who also came with the organ purchased in London, by the Old South Church, Boston. A proposition has been made to build a new church-edifice of Hallowell granite. Notice of the Hallowell church, by R. K. S. and E. F. D., in Ch. Mir., Dec. 28, 1878.

An iron fence, 540 feet in length, has been placed around the spacious lot, on which the South Church, Augusta, is built.

State Temperance Convention, in Augusta, Jan. 22—24, 1879.

Clerks of the Churches.—Augusta, Dea. Edward A. Nason; Benton, Dea. Hines L. Crosby; Clinton, A. M. Billings; Gardiner, Rev. A. L. Park; Hallowell, Dea. S. K. Gilman, a. c.; Litchfield, Dea. John Hancock; Monmouth, Dea. M J. Metcalf; Pittston, Dea. David A. White; Richmond, Dea. B. F. Tallman; Sidney, A. Sawtelle; Vassalboro, Otis Hawes; Waterville, Joseph L. Towne; Winslow, Geo. W. Patterson: Winthrop, Dea. Stephen Sewall.

Rev. William C. Curtis, of Richmond, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference.* Next annual meeting in Benton, June, 1880. Semi-annual meeting, with Somerset Conference, in October, 1879.

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LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOC CONFERENCE.

Organized in Alna, June 8, 1825. Annual meeting in June.

THE FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING was held with the Second church in New Castle, June 10, 11, 1879. Rev. Andrew J. McLeod, of Waldoboro, *Moderator*.—Opening sermon, Rev. William A. De Pew, of Wiscasset, Ps. 60:8.—Theme,—The causes of David's strength, and certainty of victory. Conference sermon, Rev. Richard W. Jenkins, of Boothbay, Matt. 28:6 "He is not here: for he is risen,"—Topics discussed,—1. Thanksgivings for the blessings of the year. 2. The Sabbath. 3. The duty of the church to young converts. Rev. Flavius V. Norcross, of Union, gave a report of the churches. Dea. Henry C. Robinson, read a paper on Evangelistic labor. A children's meeting was held on Tuesday evening. Rev. R. W. Jenkins spoke on the Sabbath schools, and the training of children in Wales, his native country. Rev. Wm. H. Stocking, missionary to Persia, on the Persian language, and the worship and customs of the native Christians. Rev. Dr. Fiske, of Bath, spoke of the power of little things. The Lord's Supper administered by Revs. J. Evarts Pond, of Warren, and Henry O. Thayer, of Woolwich.

Rev. WILLIAM ARTHUR DE PEW, of Elyria, Ohio, (Oberlin, 1871, Newton, 1872,) installed Pastor of the church in Wiscasset, Jan. 14, 1879. Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D, of Bath, *Moderator* of Council; Rev. George E. Street, of Exeter, N. H., *Scribe*.—Prayer, and reading of Scripture, Rev. Richard W. Jenkins, of Boothbay; sermon, Rev. Anson P. Tucker, of Auburn, Luke 5:10. Fishing for men; installing prayer, Rev. Lewis D. Evans, of Bristol; charge to Pastor, Rev. Austin L. Park, of Gardiner; right-hand, Rev. Wm. F. Obear, of New Castle; address to people, Rev. Geo. E. Street, Scribe—a former pastor of the church; prayer; benediction by the pastor. Letter, Mr. De Pew, Mirror, Dec. 21, 1878. Letter of Dr. Fiske, Ch. Mirror, Jan. 18, 1879.

Rev. JEREMIAH EVARTS POND, of Bangor, (Bowdoin, 1853, Bangor, 1856,) installed Pastor of the Second church, Warren, June 19, 1879. Rev. Solomon P. Fay, of Bangor, *Moderator* of the Council; Rev. Flavius V. Norcross, of Union, *Scribe*. Anthem, "Holy, Lord, God Almighty"; reading the Scriptures, and prayer, Rev. Newell T. Dutton, of the Baptist church, Warren; Hymn,—"How beauteous are their feet"; Sermon by the Moderator, Matt. 5:2, Christ, the model preacher; Installing prayer, by the Scribe; charge to Pastor, Rev. S. Lewis B. Speare, of Bangor; right-hand, Rev. Andrew J. McLeod, of Waldoboro; address to people, Rev. Charles H. Pope, of Thomaston; Prayer. Rev. S. L. B. Speare; Hymn,—"The solemn service now is done"; benediction by the Pastor.

The "Church Hymn Book" by Dr. Hatfield, has recently been introduced for the service of song.

Dinner and tea were served in the vestry, so that all could be together, and enjoy a pleasant social reunion. Rev. S. L. B. Speare preached in the evening.

Rev. LEWIS GOODRICH, dismissed from Second church, Warren, Aug. 26, 1878.—Rev. Andrew J. McLeod, of Waldoboro, *Moderator* of Council; Rev. Flavius V. Norcross, of Union, *Scribe*.

Rev. WILLIAM HART, resigned the pastorate of the Central church, Bath, to take effect Dec. 31, 1878.

WILLIAM ROGERS RICHARDS, of Litchfield, Conn., (Yale, 1875, Andover, 1879,) is pastor-elect of this church.

Rev. Henry S. Loring closed his labors at Phipsburg, April 13, 1879. Mr. James O. Emerson, *Lic.*, from Yale Sem'y, supplies a few months from May 31, 1879.

Rev. William F. Obear, New Castle, elected President of the Knox and Lincoln Musical Association, Oct. 8, 1878.

Rev. Jotham Sewall, Pastor at New Castle, 1824 to 1830, published May, 1879, a book of 80 pp., on the Second Coming of Christ,—post-millenial.

Dea. R. K. Sewall, of Edgecomb, furnishes in Mirror of Jan. 4, 11, and 18, 1879, Sketches of Revivals in Boothbay, Edgecomb, and other places, from 1763, onward.

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Mrs. Susan Glidden, wife of Dea. Wm. Glidden, in New Castle, July 12, 1878, æt. 68. Ob. W. F. O., Mirror, July 27.....Mrs. Lydia D., wife of Dea. Jeremiah Pearson, and mother of Rev. Samuel W. Pearson, of Andover, died in Alna, Sept., 1878, æt. 73....Mrs. Harriet M. Smith, widow of Rev. John W. Ellingwood, Pastor, Winter street church, Bath, 1812-'43, died in Portland, Jan. 19, 1879, æt. 73.—Ob. Dr. Fiske, Mirror, Feb. 22; L. D., April 5.—Legacies from Dr. Ellingwood's estate have recently been paid—(See p. 37.)

Dea. Peleg Sprague, of the Central church, Bath, died April 19, 1879, æt. 80.

Sagadahoc Sabbath School Convention, in Bowdoinham, Jan. 14, Bath, April, '79. Sagadahoc Temperance Convention. Bath, May 2, 1879. Mass Temperance meeting at Thomaston, Nov. 5, 6, 1878.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Alna, Dea. Jeremiah Pearson; Bath, Winter street, Rev. J. O. Fiske; Bath, Central, Rev. William Hart; Boothbay, First church, Daniel Dodge, North Boothbay; Boothbay Second church, Dea. James T. Beath; Bremen, J. P. Hilton; Bristol, Rev. L. D. Evans; Edgecomb, Samuel Clifford; Lisbon, Mrs. A. M. Shea, Lisbon Falls, a. c.; Newcastle, First church, C. C. Laiten, Sheepscot Bridge; Newcastle, Second church, Rev. Wm. F. Obear; Phipsburg, Nathaniel C. Read; Rockland, A. J. Shaw; Thomaston, Dea. Joshua A. Fuller; Topsham, Rev. Daniel F. Potter; Union, Augustus Vaughn; Waldoboro, First church, Geo. Allen; Waldoboro, Second church, Jacob Winchenbeau; Warren, Isaac P. Starrett: Washington, Rev. J. J. Bulfinch, a. c.; Wiscasset, Silas L. Jones; Woolwich, Rev. Henry O. Thayer.

Rev. Nahum W. Grover, of Topsham, *Scribe of Conference;* Rev. Flavius V. Norcross, of Union, *Reporter;* Rev. William F. Obear, of Newcastle, *Treasurer;* Joel Houston, of Damariscotta, *Auditor.*

The church in Bremen was accidently omitted in the History of the Churches. for 1867,—in Minutes, 1876, p. 151. Those who have copies of that year, can enter this slip upon that page.

BREMEN.

Organized, 1829, *March* 3.

SAM'L W. PEARSON a. p. 1867-'8 fr. Jun. 1 a. p. Andover, 1876

GEORGE HINDLEY a. p. 1873-'4, from July 1, and 1874

JEHIEL S. RICHARDS, JR.....a. p. 1875 June 1, part of the year P. Dexter, 1877

JOHN G. BULFINCH...a. p. 1878, May 26 Res. Waldoboro, 1878

OXFORD CONFERENCE.

Organized in Bridgton, Jan. 16, 1824. Annual meeting in June. Semi-annual meeting, Tuesday and Wednesday after second Monday in September.

The SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING was held with the First church, in Norway, Sept. 24, 25, 1878. Rev. David Garland, of Bethel, *Moderator,* who preached the opening sermon, Rom. 13:10. "The changes which would take place if love reigned supreme everywhere." Conference sermon, Rev. Edwin S. Tingley, of Turner. Matt. 5:14. "Ye are the light of the world." Discussions,—1. What is the proper range of pulpit themes. 2. To what extent should doctrinal preaching be preached. 3. How shall we best promote a revival interest among our people. 4. How shall

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we as ministers best inspire our people with an interest in missions. Ordinance of the Lord's Supper administered by Revs. Geo. A. Lockwood, of Oxford, and Chas. D. Crane, of South Paris.

The FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING, with the CHURCH IN BERLIN FALLS, N.H., June 17, 18, 1879, Rev. David Garland, of Bethel, *Moderator*. Opening sermon, Rev. Samuel W. Pearson, of Andover, Luke 17:5. "Lord increase our faith." Conference sermon, Rev. Stephen L. Bowler, of Bethel, 1 Pet. 3:18. "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins," etc. Topics discussed,—1. The Christian religion, —what is it; its effect upon the church, and society. 2. The Sabbath,—its divine origin and authority; its physical necessity; effect of Sabbath desecration; means to secure a better observance of the day. The Lord's Supper administered by Revs. S. W. Pearson, of Andover, and P. Chandler, of the Methodist ch., Gorham, N. H.

The UNION MEETING-HOUSE IN GILEAD, WAS DEDICATED March 25, 1879. Services Tuesday, P. M.—Anthem, "Praise waiteth for thee, O God." Hymn, "Command thy blessing from above;" reading, Genesis 28th chap, Rev. A. J. Benedict, of Gorham, N. H.; hymn, "How rich thy bounty, King of Kings;" sermon, Rev. Edward Y. Hincks, of State street church, Portland, Gen. 28:16, 17. "Surely the Lord is in this place," etc.; dedicatory prayer, Rev. P. Chandler, of Gorham, N. H.; hymn, "Great King of glory, come;" Prayer, Rev. E. Charles Bisbee, of Bethel; Anthem, "And will the great eternal God;" benediction, Rev. E. Y. Hincks. The edifice, 50x30, cost $1,800. The Congregationalists own two-thirds; the Methodists, one-third. Donations have been received towards expense, from T. A. Chapman, of Milwaukee, Wis., a native of the town, and son of one of the former deacons in Cong'l ch., Gilead, $100; Mrs. H. A. Southworth, $50; J. T. Richardson, of Boston, $10. The "Ladies Aid" have carpeted the house at a cost of $118, and provided a chandelier, $40. Ch. Mir., May 8.

Rev. STEPHEN LONGFELLOW BOWLER, (Colby 1847, Bangor 1852,) acting-pastor First church, Bethel, from May, 1879.

Frederic A. Thayer, of Bangor Seminary, supplied at Sumner in the summer of 1878. A meeting was held also in a hall at East Sumner. Gilman Rice, of Auburn, was at the latter place a few weeks in the winter following.

Rev. E. A. Whittier, aided in conducting meetings at South Paris, Feb., 1879.

The Congregational and Methodist churches united in sustaining extra meetings at Norway, April, 1879.

The church in Oxford adopted as their Manual, Ray's Manual of Congregationalism, Feb., 1879.

Deac. Samuel E. Merrill died in Norway, Dec. 19, 1878. He was born in Brownfield, 1802, Feb. 22. Removed to Norway in 1855, where he was elected deacon of First church, and held office about 20 years. In 1875 he transferred his connection to the Second church, holding the office of deacon until his death. E. E B. Ch. Mir., Dec. 28.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Andover, Eben Poor, p. t.; Berlin Falls, N. H., Rev. Arthur J. Benedict; Bethel, 1st ch., J. M. Purington; Bethel, 2nd ch., Rev. David Garland; Dixfield, D. S. Libbey; Gilead, William R. Peabody, p. t.; Gorham, N. H., Rev. A. J. Benedict; Norway, 1st ch., J. F. Holt; Norway, 2nd ch., T. G. Goodwin; Oxford, Julius F. Fuller; Rumford, M. D. Elliot, p. t.; Shelburne, N.H., Mrs. Maria F. Gates; South Paris, Stephen Parsons; Sumner, J. T. Stetson, East Sumner; Upton, A. W. Strickland.

A. W. Valentine, of Bethel, *Scribe and Treasurer;* Dea. T. G. Goodwin, of Norway, *Reporter of Sabbath Schools.* Next meeting with the church in Gilead, Sept. 9, 10, 1879.

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PENOBSCOT CONFERENCE.

Organized in Brownville, Jan. 11, 1825. Annual meeting in June. Semi-annual meeting, second Tuesday and Wednesday in January.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING held with the Hammond st. ch., Bangor, Jan. 14, 15, 1879. Dea. George A. Snow, of Brewer, *Moderator*. Conference sermon, Rev. Addison Blanchard, of Cumberland Conference, Heb. 11:2. The quality and power of faith. Topics for remarks,—1. The power and need of the Holy Spirit. 2. Home Missions, and the union of churches in smaller places. 3. The field is the world. 4. The moral atmosphere of home. 5. The right reading. 6. The relation of the church to popular amusements. 7. Social morality. Verbal reports from the churches.—The church in Burlington, and the church in Lincoln, received to this Conference, from the Aroostook Conference, to which they were transferred from this:—Lincoln in 1847, and Burlington in 1852. A meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary Board of Missions, Tuesday afternoon. Administration of the Lord's Supper by Rev. Drs. Cyrus Hamlin and Levi L. Paine.

THE FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING, with the church in East Bangor, June 10, 11, 1879. Dea. George A. Snow, *Moderator*. Devotional exercises; business, and election of officers; Report of the Scribe, Lorenzo W. Starbird, of E. Dixmont; Topics for remarks,—1. Methods by which our Conference may be made more useful. 2. Ought our churches to give more attention to missionary out-posts in their own neighborhood. 3. Singing as an aid to worship. 4. The value of special measures to reach non-church goers. 5. The monthly concert of prayer for missions, as to the manner of conducting them; the promotion of the cause of missions, and the influence of women in the work. 6. What constitutes a proper observance of the Sabbath. 7. The necessity and value of family worship. Conference sermon by Rev. S. Lewis B. Speare, of Bangor,—Acts 2:41. Pentecostal revivals. Devotional exercises, by Rev. Addison Blanchard, of Cumberland Conference. Administration of the Lord's Supper, by Rev. Professors John S. Sewall, D. D., and Levi L. Paine, D. D., of Bangor.

Rev. STEPHEN LEWIS BATES SPEARE, of Boston, Mass., (Dartmouth, 1854, Andover, 1854-'5, '73-'4, Chicago S., 1867-'8,) installed Pastor of the First church, Bangor, June 5. 1879. Rev. John L. Withrow, D. D., of Boston, *Moderator* of Council; Rev. Clarence A. Beckwith, of Brewer, *Scribe*. Public services, Thursday evening, Organ Voluntary and Doxology, "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow"; Invocation by the Scribe; Scripture selections, and prayer, Rev. S. Sherburne Matthews, of Bolyston church, Boston; Hymn, (Rockingham,) 1058, (S. H. and Tune Book,) "Pour out thy Spirit, from on high"; Sermon by the Moderator, Rev. 1:12. The seven golden candlesticks,—illustrating the church, its ministers, members, ordinances, work, and buildings; installing prayer, Rev. Cyrus Hamlin, D. D., of Bangor Theo. Sem'y; charge to Pastor, Rev. Solomon P. Fay, of Hammond street church, Bangor; right-hand, Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Bangor, Sect'y of Maine Miss'y Society; welcome from the church, Rev. John S. Sewall, D. D., of Bangor Theo. Sem'y; address to people, Rev. George W. Field, D. D., of Central church, Bangor; prayer, Rev. Stephen H. Hayes, of Sailors' and Mariners' church, Boston; original hymn, (Lenox,) suggested by Matt. 18:19, 20. "Go ye therefore; and teach," etc.; benediction by the Pastor. (Record of Council, and History of Church and its Pastors, in Bangor Whig and Courier, June 6.)

Rev. CHARLES LEWIS MILLS, (Yale, 1835, Princeton, 1838,) a. p. at Oldtown, from February, 1879,—four months.

Rev. ARTHUR GREENE FITZ, (Dartmouth, 1872, Bangor, 1875,) a. p. at Hampden, from February, 1879. Mr. F. was Pastor at West Stafford, Conn., from 1875 to 1879. Rev. Henry N. Hoyt, a. p. at Hampden, from Nov. 10, 1877, left in January, 1879, on account of his health, and returned to Michigan.

Rev. Jonathan Edwards, Pastor at East Orrington, from June 15, 1876, resigned and preached his farewell sermon, May 18, 1879. The membership of the church has doubled during his pastorate. He has received a call to West Newfield.

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Rev. Solomon P. Fay, of Bangor, at the request of the Trustees of the Hallowell Classical School, entered upon an effort in November, 1878, to raise funds for that institution. He secured about $20,000. Mr. Fay resigned in April, 1879, the pastorate of Hammond street church, which he had held from 1866. The church declined to accept the same.

Rev. A. Blanchard, State Missionary, Rev. J. E. Adams, Sect'y of Maine Miss'y Society, D. G. Chubbuck, and H. Moore, of Boston, R. K. Remington, of Fall River, and G. H. Shaw, of Middleboro, aided in Gospel meetings held daily in Bangor, in the spring of 1879. The First Congregational and First Methodist churches, united in sustaining them, two months.—Mr. Chubbuck conducted meetings in Oldtown, in the winter previous. Rev. Messrs. Blanchard and Adams with Evangelists held meetings in Brewer and Brewer Village.—A letter from Dea. G. A. Snow refers to them in Mirror, Jan. 4, 1879. Union meetings were also held at East Orrington, Orrington and South Orrington, in connection with the Methodist churches. At East Bangor, a series of meetings was held, aided by Rev. H. J. McCoy, and Samuel Fuller, of Lowell, Mass. All these meetings were held during the winter and spring, and resulted in good, and in additions to the churches.

Rev. Crosby Howard Wheeler, (Bowdoin, 1847, Bangor, 1852,) after an absence of two years from his field of labor, in Harpoot, Turkey, which he entered in 1857, returned thither with his wife, and youngest daughter, taking passage in the Steamer Minnesota, at Boston, Aug. 28, 1878, for Liverpool; thence by steamer to Constantinople, and the Black Sea, and overland, twenty days' journey on horseback. They arrived safely at Harpoot, Oct. 26, warmly welcomed by the people

A union farewell meeting was held in Central ch., Bangor, Aug. 18, the day before they left the city which has been their home while in this land. Rev. Cyrus Hamlin, D. D., Rev. S. P. Fay, and Rev. C. H. Wheeler, took part in the service. Hymns sung,—"Flee as a bird to your Mountain"; "Go labor on"; and "Ye Christian heralds, go, proclaim salvation, in Emanuel's name."

Mr. Wheeler was obliged to leave Harpoot, on account of his health, but has accomplished while absent, what he had desired, the endowment, virtually, of Armenia College. The work to which he is now called, is the education of the people of that land, and the training of ministers, lawyers, and physicians and those in other callings, so that the work of evangelization might be carried on by the natives themselves.

Mrs. Wheeler, while in this country, has been actively engaged in helping the work of education and missions in Turkey, by attending and addressing meetings of the Woman's Auxiliary Board of Missions in various States of the Union, and in more private ways.

A daughter, Miss Emily C. Wheeler, is soon to join them in mission work in Turkey. A son, Wilmot Henry, graduates from Amherst College next year.

The vestry of the First church, Brewer, has been enlarged and improved, under the direction, and at the expense, (about $500,)—of the "Young Folks' Sociable," Opening service held July 6, 1879. A Parsonage was purchased by the church in April, 1879, and is now occupied by the Pastor.

The Fifty-ninth Anniversary of the Sabbath School was held Feb. 2, 1879. Address by Mrs. C. A. Beckwith, wife of the Pastor, on Switzerland and other European countries.

A Young Men's Christian Association was formed in Brewer, Jan. 18, 1879.

The Ninth Annual Meeting of the Bangor Auxiliary of the Woman's Board of Missions, was held April 9, 1879. Report in Bangor Whig, April 12, Mir., April 19.

Mrs. Cornelia, wife of Rev. Thomas L. Riggs, Missionary to the Dakotas, died at Bogue Station, Aug. 5, 1878, æt. 30. Ob. Cong'list, Aug. 14. Advance, Aug. 15. Ch. Mir., Aug. 17. Missionary Herald, Oct., 1878, p. 318. Mrs. Riggs was the daughter of John B. and Catherine McGaw Foster, of Bangor. Rev. T. L. Riggs was present at a Union Missionary Concert in Central ch., Bangor, March 2, 1879, and at the Sabbath School Concert in Hammond street ch., Bangor, March 9, and delivered an address at each.

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Miss Emeline Snow, a sister of the veteran Micronesian Missionary, died in Brewer, Nov. 25, 1878, æt. 63....Mrs. Lydia, widow of Nathaniel Crocker, in Dixmont, Dec. 17, æt. 93. For 52 years a member of the church, in D. Ob. Mir., Feb. 2, 1879.

Col. Theodore Taylor, died in Burlington, March 28, 1879, æt. 82. An early settler in this County, and for a long time a prominent member of the Cong'l church.

WEST BANGOR CHAPEL.—The Fifth Anniversary,—and the thirty-first anniversary of the Sabbath School, held June 8, 1879. Address by Rev. John S. Sewall, D. D., of Bangor Seminary. Services every Sabbath afternoon, and Sabbath and Friday evenings. Mr. Daniel Greene, stated supply.

AT NORTH BANGOR, and ESSEX ST., Bangor, serviees and Sabbath Schools, are also held.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Bangor 1st Ch., John S. Ellis; Bangor, Hammond street Ch., Dea. E. F. Duren; Bangor, Central Ch., Henry S. Brown; Bangor East, Allen C. Tibbets, p. t.; Brewer, 1st Ch., C. O. Farrington; Brewer Village, Daniel Sargent, 2nd; Dedham, Benj. P. Todd; Dixmont and Plymouth, Geo. H. Thayer, a. c., Plymouth; Hampden, Daniel F. Holland; Holden, George C. Wiswall; Kenduskeag, Orren R. Barrows; Oldtown, C. A. Bailey; Orono, Dea. Joseph Greaves; East Orrington, Ephraim Goodale; Upper Stillwater, Ida Rogers; Veazie, Dea Nahum Warren.

Lorenzo W. Starbird, of East Dixmont, *Scribe of Conference;* Dea. E. F. Duren, of Bangor, *Treasurer.* Semi-annual meeting with the First church, Bangor, Jan. 13, 14, 1880.

PISCATAQUIS CONFERENCE.

Organized in Foxcroft, Sept. 20, 1842. Annual meeting, two weeks before annual meeting of General Conference in June, Tuesday and Wednesday. Semi-annual meeting, third Tuesday in October.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING with the church in Monson, Oct. 15, 16, 1878. Opening sermon, Rev. Herbert A. Loring, of Foxcroft, Act. 2:37—47. The pentecostal revival. Conference sermon, Rev. Charles L. Nichols, John 21:15—17. "Lovest thou me." Topics for discussion.—1. Our field of labor,—how to cultivate it. 2. Claims of the Bible Society. 3. Duty of mission churches to the Maine Missionary Society. 4. Our need of the Holy Spirit. 5. How to secure it. 6. The nature and importance of genuine revivals. An interesting social meeting Tuesday evening.—Praise-meeting, Wednesday morning, followed by verbal reports of churches. Plans were considered for holding protracted meetings with the churches during the autumn and winter. The 7th of November was recommended to be observed by the churches, as a day of fasting, humiliation, and prayer, at 2 and 7 P. M. The Woman's Auxiliary Board of Missions held a meeting, Monday, P. M. Lord's Supper administered by Rev. Amos Redlon, of Abbot, and Peter B. Thayer, of Garland.

THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING was held with the church in Brownville, June 10, 11, 1879. Professor Charles Davison, of Greenville, *Moderator.*—Opening sermon, Rev. Gustavus W. Jones, of Monson, Heb. 2:3. The great salvation. Tuesday evening, sermon by Rev. I. P. Warren, D. D., of Cumberland Conference, Rev. 21:5. On the coming of Christ's kingdom. Conference sermon, by the Moderator, 1 Cor. 5:7. Christ our Passover.

Discussions.—1. How can the minister help his people. 2. How can the people help their minister. 3. Consecration of self. 4. Consecration of substance. 5. Baptism of the Holy Spirit; what it is, and what it effects. 6. The means of obtaining the baptism of the Holy Spirit. 7. The benefits of the religious press upon those who do not, or cannot attend church. The pastors and others presented the claims of the Am. Board C. F. M.; Maine Miss'y Society; Am. Miss'y Asso'n;

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Am. Bible Society; Hallowell Classical School; and the Barron Memorial Church, at Dexter. A meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary Board of Missions was held on Wednesday. The Lord's Supper was administered by Revs. I. P. Warren, D. D., and Amos Redlon.

Rev. Amos Redlon who has been acting-pastor at Abbot, from July, 1875, resigned his charge Sept., 1878, and went to Mt. Desert, remaining there six months. Then entered upon the work of gathering funds for the Hallowell Classical School. P. O. address, Abbot.

Fred. A. Thayer, of Bangor Seminary, supplied every other Sabbath at Abbot, in the winter and spring.

The Barron Memorial Church edifice, Dexter, was commenced in Sept., 1878. The Chapel removed, and foundation laid May, 1879. The frame up, July, 1879. During the building, three Societies offered to the Church the use of their house for public worship. The Free Baptist church was accepted.

Services in memory of their late Deacon—John W. Barron, were held Feb. 22, 1879. Addresses by Revs. John S. Sewall, D. D.. of Bangor, P. B. Thayer, of Garland, and H. A. Loring, of Foxcroft. Notices—Dexter Gazette, Bangor Whig, Feb. 24, Ch. Mir., March 1.

Statements in regard to Deac. B. and the Memorial Church, by Rev. T. S. Perry, Mirror, Aug. 10, 1878; by Rev. J. S. Richards, Pastor, Cong. Dec. 4, 1878, Mirrror, Nov. 30, 1878, and March 29, 1879; by Ed. Mirror, Feb. 8, 15, and May 24, 1879; by Deac. J. G. Mayo, Mirror, April 19; sermon by Rev. G. W. Field, D. D., Bangor, preached May, 1879.

"The General Conference, and County Conferences, of Maine," by Rev. L. S. Coan, Pastor at Brownville, (1867-'70,) in Cong'lst, Oct. 9, 1878. Attendants on Conferences to remember the feeble and sick who are unable to be present. S. O. C. Piscataquis Co., Mirror, June 7, 1879.

Mrs. Hannah W., wife of Rev. Gustavus W. Jones, Monson, died March 18, 1879, æt. 34. Ob. R. W. E., Mirror, April 12, Cong'lst, April 16.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Atkinson, R. B. Gould; Blanchard, Daniel Blanchard; Brownville, E. W. Stickney; Dexter, P. J. Abbott; Foxcroft and Dover, C. H. B. Woodbury, of Dover; Garland, Rev. P. B. Thayer; Greenville, Rev. Chas. Davison; Monson, Gustavus B. Hescock; Sangerville, Dea. Joseph Fowler; Abbot Village, Washington W. Delano.

Dea. Gustavus B. Hescock, of Monson, *Scribe of Conference;* C. H. B. Woodbury, of Dover, *Treasurer*. Next meeting in Garland, Oct. 21, 22, 1879.

SOMERSET CONFERENCE.

Organized in Norridgewock, Oct. 1, 1823. Annual meeting in June. Semi-annual meeting, no regular day; usually in October.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING held in connection with Kennebec Conference, in Winslow, Oct. 8, 9, 1878. (See Kennebec Conference, p. 72.)

FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING, with the church in Mercer, June 10, 11, 1879. Rev. Thomas G. Mitchell, of Madison, *Moderator*. Opening sermon, by Rev. Cyrus Hamlin, D. D., of Bangor Theological Seminary, Rev. 22:11. Theme,—Charactor, the grand requisite for admission to Heaven. Topics for discussion,—1. The duty of each church to itself, and the community to which it belongs. 2. Duty of the Conference as a band of Churches, to the County. 3. The Christian education of the young. This topic occupied the entire evening session of the first day, and was discussed at length by Dr. Hamlin, and others. Dr. H. giving some illustrations of the power and influence of parental and maternal influence upon the life and character of the child in Mohammedan countries. 4. Our responsibilities as churches, in regard to our country and the race. The presence of Dr. Hamlin added very much to the interest of the sessions of Conference. The Report of the churches was presented by Rev. Benjamin Tappan, D. D., of Norridgewock. Dr. W. H. Stevens,

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of New Portland, and Rev. Webster Woodbury, of Skowhegan, were appointed a Committee to explore the upper portion of the County, in regard to its religious necessities, and report at the next meeting. Conference sermon, Rev. Webster Woodbury, Rom. 12:2. Christian non-conformity. How a life proceeding from a renewed mind will manifest itself. Ordinance of the Lord's Supper administered by Rev. Dr. Hamlin, of Bangor, and the Moderator. "A pleasant, and we trust profitable session of this Conference."

ALBERT HENRY THOMPSON, of Searsport, (Amherst, 1872, Yale S., 1875,) ordained as an Evangelist, at Bingham, Feb. 26, 1879. Rev. Thomas G. Mitchell, of Madison, *Moderator* of Council; Rev. John W. Brownville, of Solon, *Scribe*. United in singing hymn 2, S. H. and Tune Book, "Our Heavenly Father, hear;" reading Scriptures and prayer by the Scribe; hymn, 1017, "I love thy Kingdom, Lord;" Sermon, Rev. Benjamin B. Merrill, of Searsport, Luke 5:10, "Fear not: from henceforth thou shalt catch men;" ordaining prayer, and right-hand of fellowship, by the Moderator; charge by the Scribe; hymn, 1062, "How beauteous are thy feet;" benediction, Rev. Albert H. Thompson.

Mr. T. who has been acting-pastor at Bingham, from April 1, 1877, closed his labors, and goes to Iowa, June, 1879.

Rev. George W. Hathaway, (Bloomfield, 1833-'60,) supplying a new church in Westminister, California, Sept., 1878. P. O., Santa Monica, Cal.

Rev. Temple Cutler, (Skowhegan, 1860-'68,) is called from Chattanooga, Tenn., to Charleston, S. C., March, 1879.

F. G. Chutter procured for the church in Mercer, which he supplied at one time, an organ, from money collected from friends, April, 1879.

Delegates from the Young Men's Christian Association of the State, aided in conducting a series of meetings in Skowhegan, March, 1879.

William F. Bacon, elected Deacon in the church at Skowhegan, May, 1879.

Died in Grinnell, Iowa, Oct. 30, 1878, Dea. Sumner Bixby, of Norridgewock, æt. 73....In Brighton, Dec. 7, Mrs. Orice R., wife of John Hemmenway, æt. 60.... In Skowhegan, April 12, 1879, widow Lydia Emerson, æt. 87.—an esteemed member of the church 40 years....In Wood River, Neb., July 1, killed by lightning, Rev. Cyrus Stone, youngest son of Rev. Cyrus Stone, Pastor in Bingham, 1841-'44, æt. 32.

CLERKS OF CHURCHES.—Anson, Arthur Dinsmore; Athens, Dr. W. B. Leavitt; Bingham, T. F. Houghton; Madison, Dr. C. D. Morrill; Madison East, Mark Hobart; Mercer, Albert J. Downes; New Portland, North, Dr. W. H. Stevens; Norridgewock, H. N. Page; Skowhegan, Hon. James Bell; Solon, Dr. Mortimer Bodwell; South Solon, Rev. J. W. Brownville, a. c.; St. Albans, Nathaniel Merrill.

Edward J. Peet, of Norridgewock, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference.* Annual meeting in North New Portland, June, 1880. Semi-annual meeting, which will be in union with the Kennebec Conference, will be held in Oct., 1879, at Skowhegan.

UNION CONFERENCE.

Organized in Bridgton, June 14, 1836. Annual meeting in June, (two days.) Semi-annual meeting last Tuesday in October, (two days.)

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING with the church in Casco, Oct. 29, 30, 1878. Rev. Nehemiah Lincoln, of North Bridgton, *Moderator*. Opening sermon, Rev. Isaac H. Libbey, of Stow, John 17:21. "Duty of the union of Christians and advantages therefrom. Conference sermon, Rev. Edwin S. Tingley, of Turner, Col. 2:6,7. "The establishment of the character in Christ." Topics for remarks,—1. The duty of the church, as to purity; activity; delinquents; to persons who are not professors of religion; as the light of the world; the salt of the earth; the moral questions of the day; truth; honesty; temperance. 2. The Sabbath,—its proper observance, and

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modes of violation. A praise-meeting was held on Tuesday evening, followed by a temperance discussion. The claims of Hallowell Classical School were presented. The suggestion was made, that representative men and women should endow scholarships bearing their name, for the aid of needy and deserving Students. Verbal reports were made from the churches. The Lord's Supper observed,—Revs. Holland B. Frye, of South Bridgton, and Doane R. Atkins, of Albany, officiating.

The FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING was held with the church of Stow and Chatham, June 10, 11, 1879. Rev. N. Lincoln, of North Bridgton, *Moderator*. Discussions,—1. The need of religious instruction for the young; who shall give this instruction; and why? The importance of instilling into the minds of the young, the truths of the Bible. 2. Ought this Conference to inaugurate a canvass of its towns, in the interest of the Bible society, for the universal dissemination of the Scriptures within its limits. A committee were appointed in reference to the organization of an Evangelical Bible Society, auxiliary to the Am. Bible Society, for these towns which are included in this Conference. 3. How can the spirit of benevolence be promoted in our churches;—the envelope, weekly plan, commended. 4. Home Evangelization, by means of Mission Sabbath Schools. On Tuesday evening, a praise-meeting was held, led by Rev. Lewis Goodrich, of Lovell, after which, M. K. Maybry, Esq., gave a lecture upon the duty of churches, and individuals, regarding the use of all intoxicants and tobacco. The Question Box which was opened afterwards, contained questions chiefly upon this subject, the answers to which impressed the importance of the topic. A series of resolutions were adopted expressing the injurious, filthy, sensual and selfish habit and use of tobacco, and recommending to the churches to labor and pray for the eradication of this evil from our churches and communities. (Resolutions p. 11.)

The Conference Sermon, by Rev. Holland B. Frye, of South Bridgton, Luke 9: 23. Theme,—self-denial. The Lord's Supper admimistered by Revs. Lewis Goodrich, of Lovell, and Osgood W. Rogers, of Bridgton.

Rev. ISAAC HARDING LIBBEY, ordained Pastor of the church in Stow and Chatham, May 17, 1878.—Record Minutes 1878, p. 72.

Rev. OSGOOD WYMAN ROGERS, (Bowdoin, 1872, Bangor, 1876.) acting-pastor at Bridgton, from Nov. 1, 1878.

Rev. LEWIS GOODRICH, (Bowdoin, 1845, Bangor, 1848,) acting-pastor at Lovell, from Dec. 22, 1878. Supplies at Lovell Center and Village.

Rev. J. M. Pease, Free Bap., will supply the church at Otisfield once in two weeks.

George H. Bird, Lic., closed his labors in Albany, Aug. 25, 1878, to continue his studies at Andover. Rev. Doane R. Atkins, recently of Westbrook, Conn., supplied Sept., 1878, to Dec. 17, 1878. Charles Willard Bird, from Yale S., supplies from May 18, 1879, four months.

Rev. Holland B. Frye, Pastor at South Bridgton, from Oct. 1, 1877; resigns his charge, March, 1879.—Closed labors, July 13.

Rev. E. A. Whittier, of Lawrence, Mass., aided in Evangelistic labors in Waterford and North Waterford, Dec., 1878, and Jan., 1879; (Ch. Mirror, Jan. 25.) In Bridgton, April, 1879.

Rev. Isaac H. Libbey, of Stow, supplies at North Fryeburg Sabbath afternoons, from May, 1879. A delegation from the State Young Men's Christian Association, sustained meetings in Stow, in December.

Rev. J. K. Mason, D. D., Fryeburg, has been elected a Correspond'g member of "Sociale Generale des Prisons," of Paris, France. In Dec., 1871, Mr. M. was commissioner from Maine to the International Penitentiary Congress, in London, July, 1872.

Rev. R. Henry Davis, acting-pastor in Hiram, 1873-'74, was in California in October, on his way to Japan. Reference to him in letter from Rev. Justin P. Moore, San Francisco, in Mirror, Oct. 26, 1878. Extract from a letter of Mr. Davis, at Japan, in Mirror, Jan. 4, 1879.

The CHURCH EDIFICE IN DENMARK, dedicated March 5, 1879. Services,—Quartette by choir; doxology by the congregation; invocation and reading of Ps. 84,

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Rev. Edwin S. Tingley, of Turner; anthem, "O come let us worship;" reading 65th Ps., Rev. E. S. Tingley; prayer, Rev. Nehemiah Lincoln, of North Bridgton; anthem, "They who put their trust in the Lord;" sermon, Rev. Trueman S. Perry, of Cumberland, Ps. 84:1; "How amiable are thy tabernacles;" dedicatory prayer, Rev. E. S. Tingley; anthem, "O Lord, open thou our lips;" benediction, Rev. Osgood W. Rogers, of Bridgton. The house is 31x39, with a recess in the rear for pulpit and choir, 10x12. Thirty-four pews, with seating capacity of 144. The building is the old meeting-house, thoroughly repaired and enlarged. The old building was estimated to be worth $300; expended in repairing, $878; given in work and building material, $343.

The history of Waterford, with the address and Centennial proceedings, are published in one Vol. Octavo, 371 pps. Its Ecclesiastical history is referred to on pps. 51—52, 80—93, 146—157, and 347. (Mirror, March 1, 1879.) Minutes 1876, p. 76.

North Bridgton contributed $14.10 to fund for the relief of Yellow fever sufferers.

Samuel Tyler died in Portland, Jan. 16, 1879, æt. 81. Mr. T. formerly resided in B., and then and since, was a liberal benefactor to the church in B. (Minutes 1875, p. 64.)

Sabbath School Convention held in South Waterford, Sept. 4, 1878; in North Bridgton, Nov. 20; in Harrison, Jan. 29, 1879.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Albany, Dea. J. H. Lovejoy; Bridgton, J. H. Caswell; Bridgton, North, Oliver Barnard; Bridgton, South, J. P. Kimball; Brownfield, Cyrus Wentworth; Casco, Joseph Moors; Denmark, Dea. Wm. F. Davis; Fryeburg, Hon. George B. Barrows; Harrison, Howard L. Sampson; Hiram, Peleg Wardsworth; Lovell, Joseph F. Stearns; Naples, Dea. Wm. Chute; Otisfield, Dea. Silas Morton; East Otisfield; Stow and Chatham, Mrs. W. D. Jewell, Chatham, N. H.; Sweden, Dea. Isaac Eastman; Waterford, Dea. W. Kilbourne; Waterford, North, Samuel H. Warren.

Rev. Henry H. Osgood, of Waterford, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference.* Next meeting in Bridgton, Oct. 28, 29, 1879.

WALDO CONFERENCE.

Organized in Searsport, June 14, 1848.—Annual meeting in June.—Semi-annual meeting, first Tuesday and Wednesday in October.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING with the church in North Belfast, Oct. 15, 16, 1879.—Rev. Albert N. Jones, of Jackson, *Moderator.* No report could be procured.

THE THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING was held with the church in Belfast, June 10, 11, 1879. Rev. Benjamin B. Merrill, of Searsport, *Moderator.* Opening sermon, by Rev. Wellington R. Cross, of Camden, John 3:8. "The wind bloweth where it listeth," etc.—Conference sermon, Rev. Thomas E. Brastow, of Rockport, John 1:14. "The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us." Topics discussed,—1. The relation of the church to moral reform. 2. Duty of the church to the world.—3. Benevolent work of the churches. 4. Duty of the church to young converts. 5. Relation of religion to practical morals. 6. Congregationalism. 7. How to improve our County Conference. Report of the churches. Adminstration of the Lord's Supper.

Rev. Joseph St. John, dismissed from the pastorate of the Second church, Searsport, and the church at Sandy Point, May 24, 1878. (Minutes, 1878, p. 73.)

Rev. Albert N. Jones, Pastor of the church of Jackson and Brooks, from 1872, Feb, 8, resigns the charge, and closed his labors, April 7, 1879. (Mirror, May 3.)—He goes to Mt. Desert.

Preston B. Wing, of the Bangor Theo. Seminary, supplied at Winterport, from December, 1878.

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A sermon by Rev. Trueman A. Merrill, (acting-paster at Belfast, 1861-'63,) delivered, May 21, 1878, at the semi-centennial anniversary of the organization of the Evang'l Trin. church, Wayland, Mass., of which he is Pastor, was published.—32 pp., 8vo.

Died in Searsport, July 20, 1878, Henry D. Smith, æt. 83. Forty years a worthy member of the First church in S. Rev. Edwin Smith, of Barre, Mass., is his son; March 9, 1879, Dea. J. Y. Baker, æt. 81,—an efficient officer of the First church, Searsport, 22 years; in Camden, April 20, Mrs. Lucy Y. Piper, æt. 69, united with the church at the age of 18. Ob., Mirror, May 10; in Belfast, May 3, Dea. Lemuel R. Palmer, æt. 70. Suddenly, while at breakfast, he was called from a life of faithful service for the Master, to his reward.

CLERKS OF CHURCHES.—Belfast, First church, Rev. John A. Ross; Belfast North, Joshua Towle, p. t.; Camden, A. D. Mansfield; Frankfort, Upton Treat; Freedom, R. Elder; Jackson and Brooks, Rev. Albert N. Jones, Jackson; Rockport, N. T. Talbot; Sandy Point, J. B. French; Searsport, First church, Rev. B. B. Merrill; Searsport, Second church, J. L. Park; Unity, Ephraim Murch; Winterport, Merrill Blanchard, p. t.

Rev. Wellington R Cross, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference.* Next meeting in Camden, October, 1879.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

Organized in Eastport, Feb. 18, 1829.—Annual meeting in June.—Semi-annual meeting, second Tuesday and Wednesday in October.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING with the church in Whiting, Oct. 8, 9, 1878. Opening sermon, Rev. J. Evarts Pond, of Milltown. Eph. 4:3. Christian unity. Conference sermon, Rev. Edgar F. Davis, of Perry. Mark 4:26—29. Christ as a Redeemer. Topics for remarks,—1. Giving as an act of worship. 2. Duties of Christians to each other; to the impenitent. 3. What more can we do to secure a wider diffusion of the gospel within the limits of this Conference. On Tuesday evening, a praise-meeting, followed by a service in the interests of the Sabbath school. Topics,—What within the minds of children needs to be carefully studied by teachers; by what means can they hold the attention of their pupils. Wednesday A. M., Conference considered the question,—What can we do for our Classical Academy at Hallowell. Verbal reports from the churches. A collection of $35 was taken for the church in Marshfield. A morning prayer-meeting, at 6½, was conducted by Rev. Fred E. Shaw, of East Machias.

A vote was passed, recommending to the churches in this Conference, who do not have the ministrations of the word by an ordained minister, and have on that account failed to enjoy the privilege of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, for months and years,—that they designate one or more of their deacons to administer it to them, at regular periods.

It was voted that Revs. C. Whittier, S. L. Bowler, and C. G. McCully, confer with other denominations in the County, and provide if possible a supply of the means of grace, for every village in the County.

The Lord's Supper was observed as the closing exercise of Conference. Administered by Revs. Chas. G. McCully, of Calais, and J. Evarts Pond, of Milltown, N. B.

THE ANNUAL MEETING, BEING THE SEMI-CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE CONFERENCE, was held with the church in Calais, June 3, 4, 1879. Edward H. Balkam, of Milltown, N. B., *Moderator.* Historical Discourse by Rev. Samuel H. Keeler, D D., of Somerville, Mass., a former pastor of the church in Calais. Ps. 46:9. "Remember the former things of old." A vote was passed that this address shall be published. An original hymn, by T. V. Briggs, Esq., of Bobbinston, was sung.—Tune—Duke street. Conference sermon, Rev. George W. Kelley, of Eastport. John 21:16. "Lovest thou me." Topics for discussion,—

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1. The development of the Christian character. 2. The local missionary work of the church. A meeting and re-organization of the Washington Co. Bible Soc. on Tuesday P. M. *President*, Dea. C. L. Bailey, of Calais: *Secretary*, Rev. Charles Whittier, of Dennysville. The Women's Missionary Meeting, Mrs. F. E. Shaw, President, was addressed by Mrs. B. G. Snow, of the Micronesian Mission. Reports by the Scribe, and by the delegates of the churches. The ordinance of the Lord's Supper administered by Revs. Charles Whittier, of Dennysville, and Frederic E. Shaw, of East Machias.—A social gathering was held in the vestry, Wednesday evening. Addresses, Reminiscences, and closing services. The Conference attended the dedication of the church-edifice in Milltown, N. B., Wednesday P. M.

Rev. FREDERIC ELIAS SHAW, ordained as an Evangelist, at Dennysville, June 13, 1878. (Record, Minutes, 1878, p. 75.)

Rev. EDGAR FOSTER DAVIS, ordained Pastor of the church in Perry, August 8, 1878. (Record, Minutes, 1878, p. 75.)

A council called by the pastor and church in Perry, convened at Calais, June 3, 1879, dissolved the relation subsisting between them. Rev. Frederic E. Shaw, *Moderator;* Rev. Charles Whittier, *Scribe.* Mr. D. supplies the church in Calais six months, during the absence of the pastor in Europe.

SAMUEL LUMAN VINCENT, (Bangor Sem'y, 1878,) ordained Pastor of the church in Pembroke, Oct. 23, 1878. Rev. Stephen L. Bowler, *Moderator* of Council; Rev. Edgar F. Davis, of Perry, *Scribe. Public services.*—Anthem by choir,—"Hear our prayer"; invocation, Rev. Charles Whittier, of Dennysville; reading the Scriptures, Rev. George Barstow, (Bap.,) of Pembroke; prayer, Rev. James Alexander, (Meth.) of Pembroke; hymn, "O Lord our God arise"; sermon, Rev. J. Evarts Pond, of Milltown. Prov. 11:30. The wisdom of winning souls. Ordaining prayer, by the Moderator; charge to Pastor, Rev. Chas. G. McCully, of Calais; right-hand of fellowship, by the Scribe; address to people, Rev. George W. Kelley, of Eastport; anthem, "When the Lord shall build up Zion;" prayer, Rev. Fred E. Shaw, of East Machias; benediction, by the Pastor.

Rev. Addison Blanchard supplied the churches in Machiasport and Machias, in the spring of 1879. Rev. Henry F. Harding, the church in Cherryfield, from May, 1879. Edwin C. Oakley, of Yale Sem'y, the church in Princeton, from May, 1879.

Rev. J. Evarts Pond, acting-pastor at Milltown, N. B., from Dec. 1, 1876, closed labors Dec. 1, 1878.—Installed Pastor at Warren, June 19, 1879.

Rev. Stephen L. Bowler, acting-paster of the Center street church, Machias, from 1874, Dec. 1, preached his farewell sermon, May 11, 1879. Accepts a call to the First church, Bethel.

Rev. Charles G. McCully, acting-pastor, at Calais, has six months leave of absence, and sailed June 10, 1879, for a tour in Europe.

Charles H. Ricketts, supplying Robbinston, left Sept. 20, 1878.

Rev. Edgar F. Davis delivered the address at Pembroke, before the Post I. C. Campbell, on Memorial Day, May 30, 1879.

DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH-EDIFICE, MILLTOWN, N. B., June 4, 1879.—Services,—Organ voluntary; anthem, "My house of prayer"; invocation, Rev. Lorenzo D. Bardwell, of Milltown; hymn, No. 104, Songs of the Sanctuary; reading the Scriptures, Rev. Addison Blanchard, of Cumberland Mills; hymn, No. 1017: sermon, Rev. Charles G. McCully, of Calais. Ps. 96:8. "Bring an offering, and come into his courts," and John 4:24. "God is a spirit, and they that worship Him, must worship Him in spirit, and in truth"; prayer of dedication, Rev. Samuel H. Keeler, D. D., of Somerville, Mass.; chant by the choir; hymn, No. 29; benediction.

The church in Calais, had a debt-paying service, in August, 1878, and reduced their indebtedness from $9000 to $4000. The Center street church, Machias, about the same time, cancelled their debt. Twenty ladies and gentlemen contributed extra, the amount required.

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The Semi-Centennial Anniversary of the Sabbath school, Milltown, N. B., was observed July 28, 1878. Address by Rev. J. Evarts Pond, acting-pastor. Letters and remarks, from past members.

Dea. N. Bacheller died in Whitneyville, June 9, 1878. He was for many years also clerk of the church.

John Vassar died in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Dec. 6, 1878, æt. 65. A veteran and faithful colporteur and missionary of the American Tract Society. He labored with great efficiency and success in this Conference, six months of last year. Memoir pub. by Am. Tract Society, with Portrait, 218 pp., 12mo.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Alexander, Dea. Isaac P. Crafts; Calais, A. L. Clapp; Cherryfield, A. R. Willey; Cooper, Mrs. A. C. Sawyer; Dennysville, Deac. Peter E. Vose; Eastport, Dea. G. A. Peabody; Jonesport, Mrs. Adaline R. Keene; Machias, Dea. Warren Hill; Machias-East, Sarah B. Harris; Machiasport, J. F. Sanborne; Marshfield, Miss Melissa L. Hanscom; Northfield, George W. Smith, Pembroke, Cushing Wilder; Perry, Chas. S. Davis; Princeton, Dea. Leonard Peabody; Robbinston, Rufus Gates; Milltown, N. B., S. H. Hitchings; Topsfield, Mrs. L. Crabtree; Whiting, Mrs. Cornelia A. Chase; Whitneyville, Emma Bacheller, p. t.

Dea. C. F. Stone, of Machias, *Scribe of Conference.* Dea. Geo. A. Peabody, of Eastport, *Treasurer.* Next meeting in Princeton, Sept. 30, Oct. 1, 1879.

YORK CONFERENCE.

Organized in Buxton, Oct. 1, 1822. Annual meeting in June. Semi-annual meeting second Tuesday in October, each continue two days.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING with the church in Cornish, Oct. 15, 16, 1878. Rev. Charles H. Gates, of Kennebunkport, *Moderator.* Opening sermon, Rev. John T. Blades, of Saco, John 8:32. "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free;" Conference sermon, Rev. David B. Sewall, of York, John 14:8, 9. "He that hath seen me, hath seen the Father." The religion of personal piety was the theme of discussion through the session. Prayer and praise-meetings were held. The cause of missions, and of the Hallowell Classical School, were presented.

A resolution was adopted commending to the churches, the effort of the church in Sanford, in rebuilding their meeting-house, which was burned, and the appeal of their acting-pastor; in Mirror, Nov. 28.

A committee of three were appointed to secure such action on the part of the religious bodies of the State to be embodied in a petition to the Legislature, as shall secure a change in the day of the annual election, from Monday to Wednesday. This, with the purpose of preserving the Sabbath from desecration.

After the ordinance of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, the Lord's Prayer was repeated in concert.

The Conference was largely attended, and of unusual interest.

FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING was held with the church in Acton, June 10, 11, 1879. Rev. Joseph Freeman, of York, *Moderator.* Opening sermon, Rev. Henry J. Stone, of Sanford, Gen. 22:5. "I and the lad will go yonder and worship," etc. Tuesday evening, sermon by Rev. Albert Cole, of Cornish, Ps. 119:14. "I hope in thy word." Conference sermon, Rev. Benjamin Dodge, of Lebanon, 1 John 4:16. "God is love," etc. Topics for remarks,—1. Natural religion,—its evidences; its failure to save men; its relation to revealed religion. 2. The Sabbath School,—its relation to the Bible; the model teacher; the successful school. 3. The piety we need,—intelligent; evangelical; self-denying; exemplary; progressive. 4. Our Conference Missionary work. The Report of the Committee on Home Missions elicited an earnest discussion, and the presentation of the question, whether the churches will endorse the applications for missionary labors in the County, or be a pensioner upon the bounty of the State, and thus divert $1000, the next year, from the work in our remote and destitute regions.

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On Tuesday evening, the annual meeting of the York County Bible Society was held. Rev. George F. Tewksbury, of Lyman, President. Rev. Benj. P. Snow, of Alfred, Secretary. The question of the Bible in our schools was discussed.

The Report of the churches was presented. The Lord's Supper administered by Revs. G. F. Tewksbury and B. P. Snow.

"The meeting was well attended, and exceedingly interesting."

A council held at Limington, Oct. 14, 1878, in reference to the resignation of Rev. REUBEN D. OSGOOD, as Pastor of the church in that place, resulted in recommending that he yield to the request of the church, that he withdraw it. Rev. George F. Tewksbury, of Lyman, *Moderator*. Mr. E. S. Morris, of Biddeford, *Scribe*. (Report, Mirror, Oct. 20.)

Mr. O. renewed his request that his pastorate should close, and preached his farewell sermon May 18, 1879. He accepts a call to Lyndon, Vt., and entered upon his labors there June 1.

A Council convened at Kennebunk, June 3, 1879, in reference to the installation of Rev. GEORGE AUGUSTUS LOCKWOOD, (Yale, 1866, Union Sem'y, 1870,) as Pastor of the Union church, Kennebunk. Rev. George F. Tewksbury, of Lyman, *Moderator*. Otis Garey, Esq., of Biddeford, *Scribe*.

The Council unanimously voted, that as he has declared himself as "in suspense between the common faith of our churches, as to everlasting destiny," and the notion of "conditional immortality;" that they advise that the installation be deferred, until such time as his investigations shall have issued in the assured conviction of the truth, for which we look, and which our churches have been accustomed to require in their ministry. (Communications in Mirror, June 7, 14, 21, July 26, Aug. 2, Cong'l, June 11, 18, Lewiston Journal, 11, 12.)

The church voted to defer to the advice of Council,—and invite Mr. L. to remain and labor with them as acting-pastor.

Rev. DAVID SUNDERLAND HIBBARD, (Bowdoin, 1857, Bangor, 1860,) acting-pastor at Elliot, from Oct. 1, 1868. Mr. H. was in West Gouldsboro, 1858-'62, and Eastbrook, to 1864; Amherst and Aurora, 1864-'66; Mt. Desert, 1866.

Rev. John T. Blades, acting-pastor at Saco, from 1877, Jan. 14, resigns. Closed labors April 30, 1879. Called to Chestnut street church, Lynn, Mass. Rev. Charles E. Stowe, supplies at Saco, a few months.

Rev. David L. Jones acting-pastor at West Newfield, from June, 1878. Closed his labors April 27, 1879, and went to Limerick, May 4, 1879.

Rev. George R. Merrill, Pastor Second church, Biddeford, from 1877, Jan. 2, resigns June, 1879, on account of his health, and need of a change. Resignation accepted. Accepts call to Painsville, Ohio. Resolutions adopted by church in "Union and Journal," Biddeford, July 18.

Rev. Benjamin Southworth, a. p., Second church, Wells, from 1870, Oct. 1. Closed his labors with them July 1.

Rev. J. Eames Rankin, D. D., of Washington, D. C., preached July 28, 1878, in the church at South Berwick, of which his father, Rev. Andrew Rankin, was pastor, 1837-'40.

Rev. Lucien H. Adams, a missionary of the Am. Bd. C. F. M., from Aintab, Turkey, held a series of meetings in the interest of missions, in different churches of the Conference, Jan. and Feb., 1879.

Rev. Edward N. Packard, of Evanston, Ill., a son of Rev. Charles Packard, Pastor of the Second church, Biddeford, from 1858, until his death in 1864, was installed Pastor of the Second church, Dorchester, Mass., April 8, 1879. The Second ch., Biddeford, was represented in the Council, by the Pastor, Rev. Geo. R. Merrill, and Hon. Edward H. Gove, delegate.

The new meeting-house in Sanford was commenced in Oct., 1878. The County Conference at Cornish, Oct. 16, 1878, voted the church $100; the Second church, Biddeford, furnished the pew ends, and rails; the Sabbath School in Alfred, a memorial window; Mrs. Stone, of Malden, Mass., a bell.

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The church-edifice in West Newfield, repaired, newly painted and frescoed, and improved in choir and sittings, May, 1879.

The ancient church in Kittery, built in 1730, remodeled in 1840, and again in 1874, has been improved by a new steeple, new pediment ends, blinds and painting, June, 1879.

The Pavilion church, Biddeford, has painted the tower and steeple of their church-edifice, June, 1879.

York Conference reported $27, paid to Congregational Publishing Society the past year. Biddeford, Second church, $18; Cornish, $8; Limington, $1; which is included in the Table p. 59, in the column of "other objects."

Alfred.—"The Little Workers," raised $26 by a fair and sale, for the Armenia College.—*Biddeford 2nd ch.*—The 51st anniversary of the Sabbath School was held June 22, 1879. The Primary classes had a picnic, strawberry festival, June 18, and in the evening, the Ladies Circle and Lawn Party met. Alice Miller, of Chicago, has entered upon City Missionary work in connection with this church. *Buxton, South Parish.*—Thirty-one of their members have left since Oct., 1878. The deacon and one other have gone to California. *Cornish.*—The church has received a steel bell. *Limerick*—Rev. Charles Packard, of Windham, N. H., Pastor in Limerick, 1860-'64, gives some incident of a revival in 1864. (Cong'list, Feb. 5, 1879.) *Saco.*—The church besides their ordinary expenses, and missionary contributions, have paid their debt of $1300, furnished the S. S. Library with new books, and have $100 in the Treasury, Jan., 1879. The sixty-sixth anniversary of the Sabbath and Bible School held June 1, 1879. Addresses by Rev. John D. Emerson, former Pastor in Biddeford, Dea. Scammon, of the class of 1813, and others.

Rev. Felix Kyte, the father of Rev. Joseph Kyte, of Buxton, died in Eldred, N. Y., Sept. 29, 1878, æt. 72. Forty years Pastor in that place. He fell dead while returning from church, on the Sabbath.—A memorial service was held in the South ch., Kennebunkport, Oct. 27, 1878, in reference to the death of Mrs. Miranda Perkins, and Mrs. Mary E. Trafton, liberal contributors for the support of the Gospel. Mrs. T. makes the society her residuary legatee, by which they will come into possession of about $8000. Rev. Charles H. Gates, a. p., preached a discourse from Ps. 137:5,6. —John D. Coffin, a grandson of Rev. Paul Coffin, D. D., Pastor of the church in Buxton, 58 years, (1763 to 1821,) died in that town, Feb. 17, 1859, æt. 58.—Dea. Thomas H. Cole, Biddeford, April 6, 1879, æt. 64. Forty years identified with the Second church, Biddeford. Ob. Biddeford Union, by T. H., April 20; Mirror, April 23.—Joseph M. Dame, in Alfred, April 24, æt. 41. (Mirror, May 17.)—William Pickering Haines, in Biddeford, July 2, æt. 68, long and prominently connected with the Pavilion church. Ob. Biddeford Union, July 4.—Elizabeth McGregor, wife of Rev. Edward L. Dwight, D. D., (Pastor in Saco, 1844-'52,) and daughter of Rev. John R. Adams, D. D., (Pastor in Gorham, 1847-'58,) in Hadley, Mass., July 4.

The 62nd anniversary of the York County Bible Society held in Biddeford, Nov. 12, 1878. The work of supplying 26 towns has been completed.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Acton, Rev. Wm. S. Thompson; Alfred, Thomas Rogers; Biddeford, First Ch., John R. Staples; Biddeford, Second Ch., Dr. Thomas Haley; Biddeford, Pavilion Ch., John H. Burnham; Buxton, Geo. G. Davis; Buxton Center, Osman K. Cobb; Cornish, Rev. A. Cole; Elliot, Calvin H. Guptil, a. c; Kennebunk, Union, Joseph T. Nason; Kennebunkport, Woodbury Smith; Kennebunkport, South, J. L. Cole; Kittery Point, Dea. Charles Duncan; Lebanon, Dea. John E. Moody, Lebanon Centre; Limerick, W. Adams; Limington, Leonard J. Strout; Lyman, Dymon Roberts; Newfield West, E. H. Symes; Parsonsfield, H. G. O. Smith, North Parsonsfield; Saco, J. W. Littlefield; Sanford, Prescott Emery; Sanford South, Jeremiah L. Moulton; Shapleigh, James Coffin; South Berwick, Rev. Geo. Lewis; Wells, First Ch., John W. Hubbard; Wells, Second Ch., John Goodwin; York, First Ch., Rev. David B. Sewall; York, Second Ch., Rev. Joseph Freeman.

Rev. Woodbury S. Kimball, of Wells, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference.* Rev. William S. Thompson, of Acton, *Reporter.*

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Ministerial Associations.

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.

Members.	Joined.	Residence.	Employment.
John C. Adams,	1859, Aug. 9,	Falmouth.	Without charge.
Ebenezer Bean,	1863, May 12,	Gray.	Acting-pastor.
Addison Blanchard,	1874, Nov. 10,	Cumberland Mills.	M. Miss'y Soc.
William A. Bosworth,	1876, May.	Deering.	Pastor.
Ezra H. Byington,		Andover, Mass.	Without charge.
Frank E. Clark,	1876, Nov.	Portland.	Pastor.
Joseph S. Cogswell,		West Auburn.	Acting-pastor.
George S. Dickerman,	1875, Nov. 9,	Lewiston.	Pastor.
Frederick E. Emrich,		Mechanic Falls.	Pastor.
William H. Fenn,		Portland.	Pastor.
Edwin A. Harlow,	1872, May 14,	Cape Elizabeth.	Pastor.
Edward Y. Hincks,		Portland.	Pastor.
Henry S. Huntington,		Gorham.	Pastor.
Horatio Ilsley.	1860, Feb. 14,	South Freeport.	Without charge.
Herbert W. Lathe,		Portland.	Pastor.
Jonathan G. Leavitt,		New Gloucester.	Pastor.
Henry B. Mead,	1877, July 13,	Saccarappa.	Pastor.
John F. Morgan,		Portland.	Acting-pastor.
Trueman S. Perry,	1874, Nov. 10,	Cumberland.	Acting-pastor.
Lauriston Reynolds,		Auburn.	Acting-pastor.
Frank W. Sanborn,	1879, May 13,	Yarmouth.	Pastor.
Francis Southworth,	1862, Nov. 11,	Portland.	Pastor.
Edward S. Tead,	1879, May 13,	Westbrook.	Pastor.
Anson P. Tinker,	1874, Nov. 10,	Auburn.	Pastor.
Joseph Torrey,	1875, May 11,	Yarmouth.	Pastor.
John P. Trowbridge,	1874, Nov. 10,	Standish.	Pastor.
Israel P. Warren,	1876, May.	Portland.	Editor "Mirror"
John B. Wheelwright,		Scarborough.	Acting-pastor.
John G. Wilson,		Portland.	Without charge.
Luther Wiswall,	1854, Nov. 14,	Windham.	Pastor.
Abiel H. Wright,		Portland.	Pastor.

Organized in Westbrook, May 28, 1788. Annual meeting, second Tuesday of February; other meetings, on the second Tuesday of May, August and November. Rev. Henry B. Mead, Saccarappa, *Scribe.*

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HANCOCK ASSOCIATION.

Members.	Joined.	Residence.	Employment.
Samuel Bowker,	1852, June 12,	Salem, N. H.	Acting-pastor.
Henry K. Craig,	1859, June 1,	Falmouth, Mass.	Pastor.
William W. Dow,	1867, June 4,	Douglas, Mass.	Acting-pastor.
Samuel S. Drake,	1867, June 4,	Sullivan, N. H.	Without charge.
William Forsyth,	1873, June 11,	Bucksport.	Pastor.
Daniel W. Hardy,	1877, Oct. 24,	Bluehill.	Acting-pastor.
Hiram Houston,	1851, Feb. 4,	Deer Isle.	Acting-pastor.
Alfred E. Ives,	1858, Oct. 14,	Castine.	Without charge.
William A. Merrill,	1852, June 12,	Sherman Mills.	Acting-pastor.
Henry M. Perkins,	1873, June 11,	Hanover, Mass.	Without charge.
Charles J. H. Ropes,	1877, Oct. 24,	Ellsworth.	Pastor.
Sewall Tenney, D. D.,	1840, Nov. 10,	Ellsworth.	Without charge.
Lewis J. Thomas,	1878, June 14,	Castine.	Pastor.
Arthur H. Tibbets,	1874, Sept. 2,	Tynsboro, Mass.	Acting-pastor.

Organized in Sedgwick, Sept. 21, 1797. Meets first week in June, and second week in February, August and November. Rev. Alfred E. Ives, Castine, *Scribe.*

KENNEBEC AND SOMERSET ASSOCIATION.

Thomas Adams, D. D.	1866, Oct. 22,	Winslow.	Without charge.
Warren F. Bickford,	1877, Jan. 23,	Winthrop.	Pastor.
Almon W. Burr,	1876, April 25,	Hallowell.	Principal H.C.S.
William C. Curtis,	1873, Jan. 28,	Richmond.	Acting-pastor.
John Dinsmore,	1862, Oct. 28,	Winslow,	Acting-pastor.
James H. Ecob,	1873, Jan. 28,	Augusta.	Pastor.
Henry V. Emmons,	1875, Jan. 26,	Hallowell.	Without charge.
Henry F. Harding,	1872, Jan. 23,	Hallowell.	Without charge.
Josiah T. Hawes,	1866, Oct. 22,	Litchfield,	Acting-pastor.
Thomas G. Mitchell,	1852, Aug. 4,	Madison.	Pastor.
Austin L. Park,	1864, Jan. 26,	Gardiner.	Pastor.
Ezra N. Smith,	1878, Jan. 22,	Waterville.	Acting-pastor.
Benjamin Tappan, D.D.,	1859, May.	Norridgewock.	Pastor.
Webster Woodbury,	1870, April 26,	Skowhegan.	Acting-pastor.

Kennebec and Somerset Associations were united April 23, 1867. Annual meeting in January. Four meetings in the year. Rev. Webster Woodbury, Skowhegan, *Scribe.*

Kennebec Association organized in Pittston, July 24, 1816. Prior to 1816, it was united with Lincoln under the name of Lincoln and Kennebec Ministerial Conference.—Somerset Association, organized in New Sharon, May 6, 1829,—last meeting, in May, 1851.—Franklin Association, organized August 1, 1848.—Somerset and Franklin Association united; organized at Weld, Aug. 4, 1852, last meeting, Feb. 3, 1864. All merged in Kennebec and Somerset Association; organized in Waterville, April 23, 1867.

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LINCOLN WEST ASSOCIATION.

Members.	Joined.	Residence.	Employment.
William De Pew,	1879, Feb. 4,	Wiscasset.	Pastor.
Lewis D. Evans.	1877, May 1,	Bristol.	Acting-pastor.
John O. Fiske, D. D.	1845, Aug. 5,	Bath.	Pastor.
Nahum W. Grover,	1876, May 2,	Topsham.	Acting-pastor.
William Hart,	1871, Feb. 7,	Bath.	Without charge.
Henry H. Hutchinson,	1877, Nov. 6,	Edgecomb.	Acting-pastor.
Richard W. Jenkins,	1879, May 6,	Boothbay.	Acting-pastor.
Henry S. Loring,	1875, Feb. 2,	Phipsburg.	Without charge.
Andrew J. McLeod,	1877, Nov. 6,	Waldoboro.	Pastor.
William F. Obear,	1878, May 6,	Newcastle.	Pastor.
Charles H. Pope,	1879, May 6,	Thomaston.	Pastor.
Daniel F. Potter,	1857, Nov. 3,	Topsham.	Without charge.
Henry O. Thayer,	1868, May 5,	Woolwich.	Acting-pastor.

Organized at Phipsburg, May 1, 1844.—Meets first Tuesdays of February, May and November.—Rev. Henry O. Thayer, Woolwich, *Scribe.*

Lincoln East Association, formed in Warren, May 1, 1814,—meets third Tuesday in January, and second Tuesday in May and September.

PENOBSCOT ASSOCIATION.

Jonathan E. Adams,	1879, May 28,	Bangor.	Sec. Me. M. Soc.
Clarence A. Beckwith,	1878, May 21,	Brewer.	Pastor.
James H. Crosby,	1870, Dec. 20,	Bangor.	Licentiate.
Jonathan Edwards,	1877, May 22,	West Newfield.	Acting-pastor.
Solomon P. Fay,	1866, Dec.	Bangor.	Pastor.
George W. Field, D. D.,	1864.	Bangor.	Pastor.
Cyrus Hamlin, D. D.	1878, May 21,	Bangor.	Prof. *pro tem.*
Henry N. Hoyt,	1878, May 21,	Michigan.	Acting-pastor.
Alfred J. McGown,	1878, May 21,	Orono.	Pastor.
Levi L. Paine, D. D.	1870, Dec. 20,	Bangor.	Professor.
Enoch Pond, D. D.,	*	Bangor.	Professor.
John S. Sewall. D. D.,	1876, May 16,	Bangor.	Professor.
S. Lewis B. Speare,	1879, May 28,	Bangor.	Pastor.
Daniel S. Talcott, D. D.,*		Bangor.	Professor.

Organized at Bangor, Aug. 8, 1842.—Annual meeting on Tuesday, preceding the third Wednesday in December; other meetings by adjournment.—Rev. John S. Sewall, D. D., Bangor, *Scribe.*

* "So far back that the memory of man runneth not to the contrary."

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PISCATAQUIS ASSOCIATION.

Members.	Joined.	Residence.	Employment.
Charles Davison,	1873.	Greenville.	Acting-pastor.
Rufus W. Emerson,	1856.	Blanchard.	Acting-pastor.
Gustavus W. Jones,	1878.	Monson.	Acting-pastor.
Amasa Loring,	1875.	Foxcroft.	Without charge.
Herbert A. Loring,	1875.	Foxcroft.	Pastor.
Charles L. Nichols,	1872.	Brownville.	Pastor.
Amos Redlon,	1875,	Abbot.	F. Agt. C. School.
Jahiel S. Richards, Jr.	1877.	Dexter.	Pastor.
Peter B. Thayer,	1849.	Garland.	Pastor.

Organized at Monson, Jan. 25, 1841.—Annual meeting, third Tuesday in February; meetings quarterly. Rev. Jehiel S. Richards, jr., Dexter, *Scribe*.

UNION ASSOCIATION.

Henry Carpenter,	1878, Sept. 3,	Bridgton.	Without charge.
Holland B. Fry,	1878, Feb. 11,	South Bridgton.	Pastor.
Nehemiah Lincoln,	1872, Sept. 3,	North Bridgton.	Pastor.
Javan K. Mason, D. D.,	1878, May, 10,	Fryeburg.	Acting-pastor.
Henry H. Osgood,	1878, Feb. 11,	Waterford.	Acting-pastor.

Organized in South Bridgton, Jan. 1, 1834. Meets the first Tuesday in March and September, and second Thursday in December.

WALDO ASSOCIATION.

Thomas E. Brastow,	1866, Feb. 5,	Rockport.	Without charge.
Edward F. Cutter,	1847, Aug. 3,	Belfast.	Without charge.
Albert N. Jones,	1873, Nov. 4,	Mt. Desert.	Acting-pastor.
Benjamin B. Merrill,	1875, May 11,	Searsport.	Pastor.
Wooster Parker,	1856, Oct. 8,	Belfast.	Without charge.
John A. Ross,	1874, Feb. 17,	Belfast.	Pastor.
Stephen Thurston, D.D.,	1831, May 11,	Searsport.	Without charge.

Organized in Belfast, 1830, Nov. 10. Annual meeting in August. Four meetings in the year. Rev. Benj. B. Merrill, Searsport, *Scribe*.

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WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION.

Members.	Joined.	Residence.	Employment.
Stephen L. Bowler,	1878, June 21,	Bethel.	Acting-pastor.
Edgar F. Davis,	1879, June 4,	Perry.	Without charge.
George W. Kelley,	1878, June 12,	Eastport.	Acting-pastor.
Charles G. McCully,	1878, June 12,	Calais.	Acting-pastor.
Jeremiah E. Pond,	1878, June 12,	Warren.	Pastor.
Frederic E. Shaw,	1879, June 4,	East Machias.	Acting-pastor.
Charles Whittier,	1878, June 12,	Dennysville.	Pastor.
Samuel L. Vincent,	1879, June 4,	Pembroke.	Pastor.

Washington Association reported in Minutes, 1852—1873. Meetings in June and October. Sub. Associations more frequently. Re-organized, June 12, 1878. Rev. Charles Whittier, of Dennysville, *Scribe.*

YORK ASSOCIATION.

Henry T. Arnold,		Providence, R. I.	Without charge.
John T. Blades,		Lynn, Mass.	Pastor-elect.
Albert Cole,		Cornish.	Acting-pastor.
Benjamin Dodge,	1879, Mar. 11,	Lebanon.	Acting-pastor.
Leonard Z. Ferris,		Chelsea, Mass.	Without charge.
Joseph Freeman,		York.	Acting-pastor.
Charles H. Gates,		Kennebunkport.	Acting-pastor.
George S. Kemp,		West Brooksville.	Acting-pastor.
Woodbury S. Kimball,	1875, Oct. 31,	Wells.	Acting-pastor.
Joseph Kyte,		Buxton.	Acting-pastor.
George Lewis,		South Berwick.	Pastor.
Thomas N. Lord,		Kittery.	Acting-pastor.
George R. Merrill,	1875, Oct. 31,	Biddeford.	Pastor.
Reuben D. Osgood,		Lyndon, Vt.	Acting-pastor.
William Pierce,		West Buxton.	Without charge.
David B. Sewall,		York.	Acting-pastor.
Charles N. Sinnett,		Fort Fairfield.	Acting-pastor.
Benjamin P. Snow,	1876, May 2,	Alfred.	Acting-pastor.
Benjamin Southworth,	1875, Oct. 31,	Wells.	Acting-pastor.
George F. Tewksbury,	1855, Oct. 31,	Lyman.	Acting-pastor.
William S. Thompson,		Acton.	Acting-pastor.

Organized in Arundel, (now Kennebunkport,) Oct. 27, 1817; meets on the first Tuesday of February and May, and the last Tuesday in September; Rev. Joseph Kyte, Buxton, *Scribe.*

The ministers in South Berwick, Elliot, York and Kittery, are connected with the Piscataqua Association, N. H., formed in Kittery, Oct. 24, 1671.—Annual meeting, third Tuesday in April; other meetings on the third Tuesday of July, October and January. Rev. Isaac C. White, of New Market, N. H., *Scribe.*

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NECROLOGY.

JOHN ELLIOT, in Rumford Point, March 15, 1879, æt. 78.

Mr. E., the son of Andrew Elliot, of West Nottingham, Mass., and Sally (Melvin) Elliot, of Camden, Me., was born in W. Nottingham, Mass., (now Mason, N. H.,) Oct. 5, 1801. At the age of three years the family removed to New Castle, Me. From 1822 to 1826, he studied at Lincoln, Gorham and Farmington Academies, desiring to enter Bowdoin College, two years in advance. Failing health prevented. He was appointed by the Am. Bd. C. F. M., as Teacher and Catechist, to the Indian Missions in New York, and left Boston, June 6, 1827, for the Seneca Mission, near Buffalo, N. Y.—He afterwards went to the Tuscarora Mission Station, near Lewiston, N. Y.—Here he studied Theology with Rev. T. S. Harris, the Superintendent, and was licensed May 2, 1829, by the Presbytery of Niagara, at the Falls. Ordained as Evangelist by the Synod of Geneva, June 28, 1831, and settled with the Congregational Church, at Tuscarora. Some three-score souls were here gathered in. The failing health of his wife, and a desire for further study, led to his release from the Am. Board, in the autumn of 1833, when he spent two years at West Troy, N. Y., at the Theological School established by Rev. Drs. Kirk and Beman. After graduating, he went to Wilson, N. Y., where he remained a year, when he was called to Youngstown, in the same county. Installed by the Presbytery of Niagara, and remained eight years. Two hundred were added to the church under his ministry.

Troubled with bronchitis, he returned to Maine, in the autumn of 1844, and spent a year at the homestead in New Castle, and was able to preach occasionally. From Nov., 1845, to Nov., 1848, he supplied at Durham. He then removed to Auburn, where he resided eight years, supplying the church in West Auburn, from 1850 Jan. 24, to 1851 July 25, and Turner, from 1853, Oct., to 1855, Nov. On the 30th Nov., 1859, he removed to Rumford Point, and from that time until his death, supplied the church in R. He also supplied the church in Dixfield, 1862-'64, and from June 2, 1866 to 1871; Upton, (Letter B.,) 1860 to 1864; Andover three months in 1873.

Mr. E. was united in marriage Nov. 19, 1827, with Mary Ward, of Wheatfield, N. J., who died in Durham, Me., Nov. 17, 1847, leaving one daughter. His second wife was Mrs. Arabella (Berry) Newell, to whom he was married March 27, 1849, who with four children, survive him.

In the Ch. Mirror, April 12, is an affectionate notice by Rev. D. Garland. "The Divine element within shone out beautifully, and gave benign power to his words, and to his system of living." * * "He adhered firmly to the doctrine of the cross of Christ, and was opposed even to severity to the many human plans for salvation that are preached as a substitute for it." The manner and cause of his sudden death is shrouded in mystery. Mr. G. remarks, "that the death of his little son of ten years, probably did more than anything else to weaken the once firm tabernacle of his aged father, and to slacken the tension of the silken unseen cords of his mental structure, and to hasten his exit from a state of sighs and tears."

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Funeral services were held in the church March 18, after prayers at the house. Sermon by Rev. D. Garland, of Bethel, Ps. 12:1. "Help, Lord, for the godly man ceaseth." Revs. E. Chapman, S. W. Pearson, of Andover, and Rev. Mr. Hannaford, of Methodist church, also took part in the service.

WILLIAM WARREN, D. D., in Gorham, of Pneumonia, Jan. 28, 1879, æt. 72.

Dr. W., the son of Samuel and Polly (Greene) Warren, was born in Waterford, Me., Oct. 2, 1806, where he resided, farming and teaching until 1832. At Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass., he pursued studies in 1832-'33, preparatory to entering Bowdoin College in 1834. He left at the end of his sophomore year, and entered Andover Theological Seminary, graduating in 1838. In the autumn of 1839, he took charge of the High School in Windham. Ordained Pastor in Windham, 1840, Feb. 14; dis. 1849, Nov. 1, teaching each fall term in the High School. Installed, Upton, Mass., 1849, Nov. 11. Dis. 1856, April. Agent for Am. Colonization Society, five months in 1856. District Secretary of the Am. Bd. Coms. for Foreign Missions for the Eastern States, 1857 to 1878, in which position he did faithful and efficient service. During the years he devoted to teaching, in which he was so apt and thorough, he wrote and published several Text Books. He wrote for the Christian Mirror and other publications, articles on the Will, and on various topics, with great discrimination and philosophic acumen, and during his agency for the Am. Bd., books and articles on missions. He was a clear, incisive, and vigorous thinker and writer; apt in the use of language, expressing his thoughts with directness and power; felicitous in delineating character and qualities, as the frequent notices of the departed at the meetings of the General Conference and elsewhere, will bear testimony.

Among his Books published, were a School Geography and Atlas; Household Consecration and Baptism, 67 pps., 18 mo, 1846; Spirit's Sword, 1853; Voice to the Young, 1854; Sketch of Waterford; two missionary volumes, Twelve years with the Children, 1869, 324 pps, 16mo; and "These for Those," or our indebtedness to missions, 1870, 420 pps., 16 mo. A sermon by him on the death of Rev. G. W. Cressey, of Buxton, was published in 1867; The blessedness of giving; The great sin, 1855; Memorial Sermon, 1853; Lecture at Teachers Institute, 1848; The debt we owe to missions; Theories of the Will.

The degree of D. D. was conferred by Bowdoin College, and he was elected to the Board of Overseers in 1870.

Funeral services were held in the church at Gorham, Feb. 2. Discourse by Rev. Cyrus Hamlin, D. D. Revs. John Colby, and Henry S. Huntington, Col. Robie, R. G. Hardy, and J. A. Waterman, also took part in the service. Notice in Ch. Mir., Feb. 15, with his son's account of his last peaceful hours. Addresses published in an octavo pamphlet of 29 pps.

Notice in Portland Press, Jan. 29, by W. G., and Ch. Mir., Feb. 1. Advance, Feb. 27, by Rev. E. P. Weston, Highland Park, Ill.

EBENEZER NEWHALL, in Cambridge, Mass., August 15, 1878, æt. 89.

Mr. N. the son of Onesimus and Lydia (Mead) Newhall, born in New Ipswich, N. H., 1789, Aug. 5. Grad. Harvard, 1818. Andover, 1821. He fulfilled mission work 1821-'22, in Williamsburg, Farmington, and Wilton, and in Somerset County. Pastor, Oxford, Mass., 1823-'32; Lincoln, Mass., 1833-'47. Willsboro, N. Y., 1848-'52; Litchfield, N. H., 1854-'62. The last fourteen years he has resided in Cambridge, Mass. Notice Cong'list, Aug. 22, 1878. Vital Statistics, by Rev. H. A. Hazen, Cong. Year Book, 1879, p. 49.

DANIEL DOLE, in Kapaa, Kaui, Sandwich Islands, Aug. 26, 1868, æt. 70.

Mr. D., the son of Wigglesworth and Elizabeth (Haskell) Dole, was born in Bloomfield, now Skowhegan, 1808, Sept. 9. Preparatory studies pursued in Bloomfield Academy. Grad. Bowdoin, 1836; Bangor, 1839. Ordained

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in Bloomfield, 1839, Sept. 18. Supplied the church in Canaan, Me., 1839-'40. Embarked at Boston for Honolulu, 1840, Nov. 14. On his arrival he was appointed Principal of Punahou School, and when incorporated as Oahu College, he became President, where he remained until 1855. He removed to Koloa, Kaui, continuing his labors successfully as teacher until 1875. His fine taste for classical study enabled him to prepare many students for American Colleges. He preached often; his sermons being thoughtfully and carefully prepared. Notices Ch. Mir., Sept. 28, and Dec. 7, 1878, and Honolulu Friend; Vital Statistics, Rev. H. A. Hazen, Cong. Year-Book, 1879, p. 41.

BENJAMIN GREELEY PAGE, in Friendville, Neb., of consumption, November 14, 1878, æt. 44.

Mr. P. the son of Benjamin and Sarah (Page) Page, was born in Gilmanton, N. H., 1835, Jan. 3. Preparatory studies were pursued in Gilmanton Academy, 1857. Grad. Dartmouth C., 1861, Andover, 1864. A. p. at Otis, Mass., 1864, Oct. 1, to 1865, April 1. Ord. Pastor Lebanon, Me., 1865, Sept. 27; dis. 1869, Nov. 9. The last ten years in the West, Greenwood, Mo., 1868-'71; Emerald Grove, Wis., 1871-'74; Friendville, Neb., 1874, until his decease. He supplied also at Dorchester, Mass., Pleasant Hill, Exeter, N. H. He was a humble Christian, and a devoted, self-denying missionary. Vital Statistics, by Rev. H. A. Hazen, Cong. Year-Book 1879, p. 49.

JACOB JACKSON ABBOTT, D. D., in New Haven, Conn., of neuralgic rheumatism, December 2, 1878, æt. 65.

Dr. A., the son of Jacob and Nancy (Wesson) Abbott, was born in Groton, Vt., 1813, July 17. At the age of 21, he began to prepare for college at Peacham Academy. Graduated at Dartmouth College, 1839. Taught two years in the Southern States, and tutor two years, 1841-'42, in Dartmouth C. Grad. Union Theo. Seminary, New York, 1845. Ordained Pastor Bennington, Vt., 1845, Aug. 27; dis. on account of ill health, 1847, Aug. 17. In the service of the Am. Tract Society, seven months in N. and S. Carolina and Georgia, 1847-'48; supplied Hollis, N. H., 4 mos.; Rockville, Ct., 3 months; Thetford, Vt., 5 mo.; Groton, Mass., 4 mos.; Uxbridge, Mass., 6 mos. His health being sufficiently restored, installed Pastor Uxbridge, Mass., 1850; April 3; resigned, 1861, July 9; dis. 1862. Oct. 30. In the service of the Christian Commission, U. S. Army, eighteen months, most of the time as an Agent at Washington, D. C., 1864-'65. Ins. Pastor Central church, Yarmouth, Me., 1865, Oct. 19; dis. 1875, Oct. 14. In 1874 the degree of D. D. was conferred upon him by Bowdoin College. Resided at Dansville Health Retreat, N. Y., 1875-'77; Colorado with a son in 1877-'78; thence to New Haven.

Funeral services were held at New Haven, conducted by Rev. Drs. L. Bacon, S. Harris and W. M. Barbour. His body is entombed at Whitinsville. Dr. Barbour, in Mirror, Dec. 7, referred to the fidelity of the departed to the truth of God; to his scholarly attainments; to his lasting enthusiasm in the things of the Gospel, and to the manifest victory he obtained over death. B. in Cong'list, Feb. 5, 1879, says,—"Dr. A. as a preacher was distinguished for the clearness of his style, and for the biblical flavor of his discourses. He was very apt to dwell upon those sides of truth, which lead men to exalt God, and humble themselves. His manner and bearing in the pulpit was that of a man who was intent only upon delivering the message which God had sent." Notice by W. W. Dow, Mirror, Dec. 28. Vital Statistics, by Rev. H. A. Hazen, Cong. Year Book, 1879, p. 36.

JOHN RICE MUNSELL, in Harwich, Mass., at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Long, of ossification of the heart, Dec. 24, 1878, æt. 75.

Mr. M., the son of Joseph and Charlotte (Rice) Munsell, was born in Swanton, Vt., October 6, 1803. Preparatory studies pursued in St. Albans, Vt., and in the Classical School, Bangor. Graduated from Bangor Theo. Sem'y, 1831. Licensed by Penobscot Association, 1830, Dec. 22. Ordained Pastor, Bur-

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lington, (then Hurd's Ridge,) 1831, Oct. 26; dis., 1839, June 12. His pastorate extended over the whole region, making Burlington the center of his operations: supplying also at Passadumkeag (¼—1831-'35,) and Mattawamkeag. This was continued five years. In the meantime, a church had been organized at Lincoln, and the State and Military roads had been opened in that direction, and it was judged best to make Lincoln the center of home-work, and Mr. M. resided there three years. Lincoln was supplied half the time from Oct. 26, 1831, to June 12, 1839. Mr. M. removed to East Brewer, (now Holden,) supplying the church in that place, from May 1, 1839. Ins. Pastor, 1840, Oct. 7; dis. 1852, July 14. Ins. Pastor, North Belfast, 1852, Sept. 22; resigned, 1858, Oct. 1. He requested his pastoral relation to continue, and no council has been called to dissolve it. He supplied the church in Freedom, 1857-'8.

In 1858, he went to Harwich, Mass., supplying nine years. In 1868, to Franklin, Vt., supplying seven and a half years. Here he had a slight attack of paralysis, and for the benefit of his health made a voyage to the Straits of Gibralter, and the Mediterranean Sea. He did not recover fully his health, and became a resident of Harwichport, Mass., until his death. Mr. M. was present at the Semi-Centennial Anniversary of Penobscot Conference, in Brownville, June 8, 9, 1875. Mr. M. was of commanding presence, and his words came with thrilling power. He was an earnest, faithful pastor and preacher, and his influence was felt for good in all the region around. Two sermons of his were published in 1843, on the importance of searching the Scriptures; and the Christian's hope, a funeral discourse.—Vital Statistics, Cong. Year-Book, 1879, p. 48, by Rev. H. A. Hazen.

THOMAS JAMESON, in Cambridgeport, Mass., April 14, 1879, æt. 85.

Mr. J. was of Scotch-Irish descent, and born in Dunbarton, N. H., 1794. March 7. He fitted for college under the tuition of Rev. Walker Harris, D. D. Taught in the Academy in Pembroke, N. H., one term. Graduated, Dartmouth College, 1818. One year at Andover, 1821. Licensed to preach by Hopkinson Association, June, 1820, and performed eight weeks' missionary service in Conway, N. H. In September, 1820, he was elected Preceptor of the new Effingham Academy, N. H., where he remained five years; preaching every Sabbath. Ordained in Scarboro, 1825, June 20, as colleague-pastor with Rev. Thomas Lancaster, who was ordained 1775, Nov. 8, and died in office, 1831, Jan. 12, æt. 87. Mr. J. was Pastor until 1840, Aug. 26, when he removed to Gorham, where he remained until 1860. He left the ministry on account of failing health, and an affection of the eyes, which ultimately resulted in an entire loss of sight. At Gorham, he cultivated a farm and nursery, and in some measure recovered his health. While in Scarboro, he supplied in 1827-'8, a portion of the time at Cape Elizabeth, and 1833-'36, in Albany, a few months each year. Mr. J. was Scribe of the Council which ordained Rev. William T. Dwight, as Pastor of 3d ch., Portland, June 6, 1832, and delivered the address to the people at the Installation of Rev. John W. Chickering as Pastor of the High st. ch., Portland, April 2, 1835. From 1860, Mr. J. has divided his time with his daughters, Mrs. Robie, wife of Rev. Edward Robie, D. D., Greenland, N. H.; Mrs. Chickering, wife of Rev. John W. Chickering, jr., while at Springfield, Vt., and Exeter, N. H.; and Mrs. M. F. Pickering, Cambridge, Mass.

Mr. J. was an excellent scholar, an earnest and devoted minister, and in whom were blended all the virtues of heart and life that make a man lovable and beloved. His blindness was borne with cheerful resignation, and with gratitude for the increased kindness of children and friends. His death was as placid as his life.

Notice, Boston Journal, April 10, 1879. E. R., in Cong'list, Apr. 23. D. in Mirror, May 10.

JOHN WHITNEY, in Newton Center, Mass., May 31, 1871, æt. 78.

Mr. W., the son of Salmon and Hepshzibah Whitney, was born in Harvard, Mass., 1803, Sept. 1. Grad., Amherst, 1831; Andover, 1834. Ord. Pastor,

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Boxford, Mass., where he remained three years. Pastor at Waltham, Mass., twenty years. In 1857, he went to Canaan, N. Y., and supplied the Congregational and Presbyterian churches, ten years. In 1861-'2, he went to Robbinston, and supplied the church in that place. In 1867 he retired from the ministry, and has resided at Newton Center, retaining his scholarly habits. His love for the Hebrew and Greek Scriptures was strong and enthusiastic. Notice, Boston Adv., June 2, Cong'list, July 2.

EDWIN SEABURY, in Walpole, N. H., June 14, 1879, æt. 66.

Mr. S., the son of David and Mary (Lowe) Seabury, was born in North Yarmouth, (now Yarmouth,) Dec. 2, 1812. Fitted for college at Yarmouth Academy; graduated Bowdoin College, 1833; Bangor Sem'y, 1837; licensed by Penobscot Association, 1837; ordained Pastor First ch., New Castle, 1840, June 10; dis., 1843, Dec. 24; installed, Second church, New Castle, 1844, Aug. 22; dis., 1848, June 25. Acting-pastor, Byfield, Mass., 1848-'9; Lanesville, (Gloucester,) Mass., 1849-'54; Westminister, Vt., 1855-'58; installed, South Royalston, Mass., 1858; dis., 1862; a. p., East Falmouth, Mass., 1863-'9; Berlin, Vt., 1870-'75. Since resided with a son at Walpole, N. H. In early life, was engaged in teaching, and in singing schools. During his ministry at New Castle, a revival occurred, and the Second church was formed May 22, 1844, over which he was installed pastor, the following summer. At East Falmouth, the church under his ministry was doubled in numbers. Mr. S. married Elizabeth Nason, of Yarmouth, Me., September, 1837, who died at Berlin, Vt., January, 1874. Three sons, (all merchants,) and one daughter. Ob., Cong'list, June 18, Mirror, June 21.

CALEB KIMBALL, in Medway, Mass., June 19, 1879, æt. 80.

Mr. K. was born in Ipswich, Mass., 1798, June 3,—the son of Caleb and Elizabeth (Hammond) Kimball. He fitted for college at Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass. Grad. Dartmouth College, 1826. At Andover Seminary one year, and then compelled to leave on account of the failing of his sight. He completed his studies with ministers in the vicinity of Ipswich. In 1832, he was ordained as an Evangelist at Barnstable; preached in Harwich two years, though entirely blind. Acting-pastor at Biddeford Second church, from August, 1840, to August, 1842. The sermon at the dedication of their church-edifice, Aug. 11, 1841, was preached by him. He frequently preached at Portland with great acceptance. He assisted the ministers there during a season of revival. He preached occasionally afterwards, but has lived for many years a retired life at Medway, Mass. He wrote eight volumes peculiarly adapted to the young; to enquirers, and young converts, and on religious themes calculated to lead to thoughtfulness; one of which passed through twenty-four editions; others, twenty editions. Ob. Cong'list, July 2.

LEONARD WOODS, D. D., in Boston, of paralysis, Dec. 24, 1878, æt. 72.

Dr. W., the son of Rev. Dr. Leonard and Abby (Wheeler) Woods, was born in West Newbury, Mass., June 24, 1807. His preparatory studies were pursued at Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass. Graduated Union College, 1827; Andover Seminary, 1830. Abbot resident Instructor in Hebrew, Andover, 1830-'31; ordained by Third Presbytery, N. Y., 1833, May 12; editor of Literary and Theological Review, N. Y., 1834-'37; Professor of Sacred Literature, Bangor Theo. Sem'y, 1835-'39; President Bowdoin College, 1839-'66. During this period, 927 students graduated in the regular college course, and received their A. B. diplomas from his hands. During the same period, 490 graduated from the Medical School. The degree of D. D. was conferred by Colby University, in 1839, and by Harvard in 1846. The degree of LL.D. by Bowdoin in 1866.

Dr. Woods wrote several works and was much interested in procuring material for the Maine Historical Society. While in Europe in 1868, he secured valuable documents concerning the colonization and early history of

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Maine. The celebrated and rare discourse of Haklayt's, written in 1584, is published in Vol. 2 of the Second Series of Maine Historical Society's collections, with other ancient papers, the result of his researches when abroad. Dr. W. was a member of the Historical Societies of Maine, Massachusetts and New York.

In the Advance, Feb. 20, 1879, is an extract from a notice in the New York Tribune, which adds this appreciative notice,—In 1834, at the age of 24, he published his edition of Knapp's Christian Theology, which is still a standard text-book in Great Britian and America. "His broad learning, exquisite taste, and simple love of truth, his serene calmness of temper, his finished and patient courtesy, his ready sympathy with every varied form of human experience and feeling, his aversion to show, pomp and bustle; his rich enjoyment of intellectual communion, and of honest controversy, and the freshness and fullness of his conversation, continue to give him a peculiar and honorable place among Americans, and Scholars."

Notices by E. H. B., in Mirror, Jan. 4; L.D. and "Alumnus," Mirror, Jan. 11; Mayor Butler, Portland Press, Jan. 13; Geo. Leon Walker, Mirror, Jan. 25; Prof. John S. Sewall, D D., Cong'list, March 5, 1879; Vital Statistics, by Rev. H. A. Hazen, Cong. Year Book, 1879, p. 55.

ELEAZAR MATHER PORTER WELLS, D. D., in Boston, Mass., Advent Sunday eve., Dec. 1, 1878, æt. 86.

Dr. W. was born in Hartford, Conn., 1793, Aug. 6.

Grad. Brown University, 1831. Degree of S. T. D. conferred by Georgetown College, 1854. Acting-pastor of the church in Calais, 1825-'27. City Missionary, most faithful and beloved, of the Episcopal church, appointed in Boston, Sept. 11, 1843, and continuing to the time of his death.

DANIEL REED CADY, D. D., in Westboro, Mass., May 17, 1879, æt. 66.

Dr. C.'s native place, Malta, New York, 1814. Graduated, Williams College, 1838; Andover, 1845. Ord., 1845, Oct. 27, in Rutland, Vt., where he was Pastor four years; Westboro, 1849-'56; Arlington, 1856-'77. In the absence of Rev. J. H. Ecob, of Augusta, in Europe, Dr. Cady was acting-pastor, Sept. 1. 1878, to Jan. 1, 1879, and was highly esteemed by the church and people.

EPHRAIM WESTON CLARK, in Chicago, Ill., July 15, 1878, æt. 79.

Pursued preparatory studies at Bangor. Grad. Dartmouth, 1824; Andover, 1827. Missionary, Am. Bd., to Sandwich Islands, 1828—1864.—Vital Statistics, Cong. Year-Book, 1879, p. 39.

ADDITIONAL NOTICES.

SILAS MCKEEN, D. D., Minutes, 1878, p. 81, * Dec. 10, 1877. Memorial by Rev. W. S. Palmer, from Cong. Quart'y, July, 1878, 26 pp., with a sermon by Rev. L. H. Elliot, Dr. M.'s successor, at Bradford, 19 pp.; with Statistics, and notice of a monument to his memory, 6 pp.,—in all, 51 pp., published, 1878. The monument of Scotch granite, height 12 feet, was dedicated by Orange Association, in Bradford, Vt., October 1, 1878. Notice, Dr. M., in Minutes, of Vermont, 1878, p. 62.

SETH SWEETSER, D. D.,—Minutes, 1878, p. 81, * March 24, 1878. Discourse in Andover Seminary, by Rev. Egbert C. Smyth, Sabbath, Sept. 22, 1878.—Cong. Quar., October, 1878, p. 503—527, with portrait. Memorial, by Rev. E. C. Smyth.—Vital Statistics, by Rev. H. A. Hazen, Cong. Year-Book, 1879, p. 53,' 4.

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JAMES MARSH HOW DOW, Minutes, 1878, p. 83, * June 25, 1878. Vital Statistics, by Rev. H. A. Hazen, Cong. Year-Book, 1879, p. 41.

JOHN S. C. ABBOT, Minutes, 1877, p. 67, * June 17, 1877. Mirror, January 11, 1879.

GEORGE E. ADAMS, Minutes, 1876, p. 80, * Dec. 25, 1875. * A monument is erected at Brunswick, in memoriam. It consists of base, plinth, die, cap, and shaft 14 feet high. Inscriptions are cut on marble slabs, and set into the granite.

JOHN ABBOT DOUGLAS, (Minutes, 1878, p. 79,) died of valvular disease of the heart, in Waterford, Aug. 7. 1878, æt. 86. The mother of Mr. D., (Abigail Abbot,) was the daughter of Capt. John and Abigail Abbot, of Andover, Mass. Elizabeth Abbot, the first wife of Mr. D., was the daughter of Rev. Abiel and Elizabeth (Abbot) Abbot, of Peterboro, N. H. She died, 1823, Oct. 12, æt. 25.—Lucy Abbot, his second wife, was the daughter of Benjamin and Phebe (Abbot) Abbot, who came from Wilton, N. H., to Temple, Me. She died, 1872, April 23, æt. 70. (The above is corrected from Minutes, 1878, p. 144.)

Notice by Rev. C. Hamlin, D. D., Mirror, Sept. 14, in the Centennial History of Waterford, published in 1879, pp. 153, 243, 347. Vital Statistics, by Rev. H. A. Hazen, Cong. Year-Book, 1879, p. 41. Mr. D. was President of the Board of Trustees of Bridgton Academy, from 1828-'42, and 1871-'74.

LINCOLN RIPLEY, first pastor at Waterford,—1799—1821, * 1858, July, 14, æt. 97. Grad. Dartmouth College, 1796.—Centennial of Waterford, 1879, pps. 80, 146, 284.

The Maine Historical Society's collections have notices of Rev. PAUL COFFIN, Pastor in Buxton, 1763—1821, by Cyrus Woodman, with a portrait, —containing also an account of a missionary tour in Maine. Vol. 4, (1856) pps. 301—406.—Rev. JOHN W. ELLINGWOOD, D. D., Pastor Winter street church, Bath, 1812-'43, by Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D., (1861,) Vol. 7, 1876, pp. 371—378. Rev. CHARLES FREEMAN, Pastor in Limerick, 1818-'53, by Rev. Charles Duren, (1857,) appended to a history of Limerick, by Rev. C. Freeman, Vol. 1, 1865, pp. 325—335. Rev. WILLIAM ALLEN, D. D., President Bowdoin College 1820-'39, by William Willis, Vol. 6, 1859, p. XLVI. WILLIAM LADD, the apostle of peace, by Wm. Willis, Vol. 2, 1847, pp. 255, 256.

In Ch. Mirror, March 29, 1879, Dr. N. T. True communicates reminiscences of ministers in Cumberland Conference.—Jacob Herrick, Durham, 1796-1833; Elisha Moseley, New Gloucester, 1802-'26; William Miltimore, Falmouth, 1803-'33; Amasa Smith, Cumberland, 1806-'21; Edward Payson, Portland, 1807-'27; Perez Chapin, Pownal, 1811-'39; Enos Merrill, Freeport, 1816-'30; Noah Cressey, Yarmouth, 1820-'28; Asa Cummings, Yarmouth, 1821-'29, and Ed. Christian Mirror; Samuel Stone, Cumberland, 1821-'29; Asa Mead, Brunswick, 1822-'29; Elijah Jones, Minot, 1823-'69; Caleb Hobart, North Yarmouth, 1823-'59; Bennett Roberts, Durham, 1827-'29; David Shepley, Yarmouth, 1829-'49; Geo. E. Adams, Brunswick, 1829-'70; Isaac Weston, Cumberland, 1830-'40; and by the same in Mirror, April 5, Allen Greeley, Turner, 1810-'44; David Thurston, Winthrop, 1807-'51; and brief notice of James Carruthers and Bennett Tyler, of Portland; Caleb Bradley and Henry C. Jewett, Westbrook; President William Allen, Professors Upham, Newman and Packard, Brunswick; David Shepley, of Yarmouth, and William Ladd, Minot.

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REPORTS.

THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH.

BY REV. HENRY S. HUNTINGTON, GORHAM.

The last meeting of the General Conference of Maine was at Winthrop in 1830, nearly a half century ago. At that meeting the following resolutions were adopted:

1. "That it be recommended to the churches in our connexion, to observe the day set apart by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church of the United States, as a day of humiliation, fasting and prayer, in view of the profanation of the Sabbath.

2. "That it be recommended to our churches and congregations to repeat their petition to our National Legislature, asking the repeal of any laws requiring the transportation and opening of mails on the Sabbath, until the existing enactments on the subject are abolished.

It is an interesting coincidence, that the same subject should claim our attention here and now. We reap the benefit of the honor and love felt by our fathers for the Lord's Day. May their spirit possess the hearts of the sons and daughters of America through all generations.

A resolution was adopted at our meeting in Auburn, last year, as follows: "That some member or members of this Conference be appointed to present to the Conference next year a report on Sabbath Desecration, suggesting the best means of resisting and abating it." One of that committee, and the one who first brought the subject to the notice of the Conference, Dea. Thomas R. Hayes, of Portland, has since entered into rest. How naturally we think of a departed Christian friend as enjoying the perfect and eternal Sabbath!

In considering the desecration of the Lord's day, the first question naturally is as to the nature and extent of such desecration. Is it very prevalent? Is it on the increase? What forms does it assume? Let it be said at the outset that we do not believe the intelligent, thinking portion of the American people value the Sabbath less than twenty, or even fifty years ago. The conviction of its worth is firmly fixed in the hearts of our countrymen. Still this does not make it less true that

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influences are at work, which unless checked, will undermine our Sabbath. Our young people must see that Christian men, and all men who honor the Sabbath, protest against these forms of desecration, or else our young people will accept a low idea of the sacredness of the day.

One form of Sabbath desecration which perhaps is doing more than any other to corrupt public sentiment, is the running of steamboats and railroad trains on that day. Most of the leading railroads run one or more passenger trains on Sunday, and especially the transportation of freight is carried on to an enormous extent. Some facts which I gathered four or five years ago in regard to one of our leading western roads, represent what is occurring on many of the principal lines of traffic. The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad has always been under good management, and is a favorable type of our roads as to respect for the Sabbath. It was opened in 1854. At that time one passenger train ran over the road on Saturday night, reaching Chicago at about 7 o'clock Sunday morning. One passenger train also left Chicago for the west at 8 or 9 o'clock Sunday evening. This was the entering wedge, but certainly it was a small one. No freight was carried on Sunday. For some ten years the road ran no Sunday stock trains, nor even any on Saturday, so as to avoid arriving on Sunday. That state of things lasted till fifteen years ago. How is it now? At the date of which I spoke, the end of 1874, a day mail train passed over the road every third Sunday. I was then living in the town of Galesburg, Illinois. On an average, there ran in and out of that place every Sunday more than thirty stock and freight trains. One Sunday that summer the number was sixty-one. The two hundred and ninety train men who center at Galesburg do not quite one-seventh, but probably one-eighth of all their work on Sunday. One hundred to one hundred and fifty men on an average are employed on Sunday in various duties at that station. As a matter of course, the telegraph operators in every office along the road are no less busy than on other days. These are specimen facts, and on an exceptionately well managed road. On the leading trains running between the East and West, a great system of Sunday work has grown up. It is very difficult for any one road to adopt a better practice than the rest. There is no real need of this Sunday traffic. Competent judges testify that even on the Central Pacific, stock trains could be stopped over Sunday without injury. It is a matter of dollars and cents. Are Christian stockholders in these railroads satisfied to think that one-eighth of their money is earned on Sunday?

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Another form of profanation of the Lord's day is through pleasure excursions on railroads and steamboats. No one needs to be informed how numerous these are, nor how entirely they destroy the religious influence of the day. Closely connected with these, is the holding of mass temperance or religious meetings on Sunday, advertising and drawing crowds from all the country around, who carry home with them at night, impressions utterly out of keeping with Sabbath quiet and devotion.

A great and growing evil is also the publication of *Sunday newspapers*, —some good and worthy in their contents, some the opposite,—but all tending powerfully to break down in the public mind the difference between the Sabbath and the week day. The idea that the American people, made mental dyspeptics by such an excessive amount of newspaper reading on six days of the week, need an additional supply of it on the seventh!

This glance at the special tendencies of the time to Sabbath desecration would be incomplete, without adding that in many of our old New England communities there is a larger proportion of our people than formerly who neglect public worship, and who do not honor the day in their own homes. We are all conscious, too, of that subtle spirit which pervades the very atmosphere of our time, which denies the authority, the sacredness of anything. That which is lessening reverence for the Sabbath is largely the same spirit which is lessening reverence for the doctrinal truths of religion. The spirit of inquiry is rife. Nothing is accepted on authority. The reason of everything is asked. Whether it be our system of classical education, or the Sabbath, or the church itself, everything must prove its right to be, by its actual value. Neither is this a fact to be deprecated. If our age sifts evidence more rigorously than former times, it holds its convictions more intelligently, and not less earnestly. We must meet the Sabbath question in the spirit of our age. Sabbath laws have their place. They are important for the restraint of those who despise the convictions, and recklesaly disturb the worship of others. But it is a very small part of our work which can be accomplished by legislation. Neither is there any sudden, quack remedy for Sabbath desecration. Our resolutions ask for "the best means of resisting and abating" the evil. The only effectual means is to convince our people of the divine authority of the day, to deepen their conviction of its value, and to promote such an observance as represents its real spirit.

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Let me say a few words upon each of these points, though time allows only a brief and inadequate discussion. In the first place, we have full right to maintain *that the Lord's day is of divine authority.* This is a point upon which there is much doubt, even among Christian people. Very high and noble names can be quoted as arguing that the divine sanction no longer upholds the day. But surely Robertson does not address ordinary human nature when he argues for "the religious non-observance of the Sabbath." The result of such teaching on most men and women is expressed by simply leaving out the word "religious." The result is the absolute non-observance of the Sabbath. It is not fair to take those texts in Colossians and Romans from which Robertson argues, and separate them from the total impression of the Scripture teaching. The apostle means that the Jewish Sabbath is the shadow of the more spiritual Lord's day. The religious observance of the seventh day is connected in the inspired record with the creation of the world itself. In those earliest chapters of Genesis, where only the simplest, most fundamental, universal religious duties are enjoined, the Sabbath finds a place. In the Mosaic economy, it stands not amid the ceremonial law, the shadows of things true, which were to be done away, but as part of the moral law. It is one of those ten ethical precepts which underlie all civilized society. How can we withdraw the fourth from the ten commandments, yet claim for the rest a divine and perpetual sanction? The reason given for the fourth commandment is unchanging. Parents, children and servants, still need rest from the six days of work. The seven successive periods of the creative week still offer their analogy, that as God rested from His work, so should man from his. Honoring the fourth commandment no more implies obedience to Jewish precepts about the day, than honoring the eighth commandment implies obedience to Jewish precepts about divorce.

A strong argument for the ethical, permanent character of the Sabbath, is found in the way in which it is referred to by the *prophets.* Says Isaiah, "If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable, and shalt honor him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words, then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord." Jeremiah declares, "If ye * * * * hallow the Sabbath day, to do no work therein, then shall there enter into the gates of this city, kings and princes sitting upon the throne of David." Ezekiel affirms as the reason of the calamities of the nation, "They have despised my statutes and polluted my Sabbaths."

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Now if anything characterizes the prophets, it is their intensely *ethical* spirit. Forms and ceremonies never arouse a particle of their enthusiasm. They care for the things which promote the permanent good of man. They demand truth, justice, the spiritual love of God's law. How do you account for it, then, that they urge the claims of the Sabbath in the same temper as the claims of purity, or justice? It is because the Sabbath was indissolubly connected in their minds with moral and spiritual life.

Coming to the New Testament, we find Christ taking essentially the same view of the Sabbath as the prophets. He rescues its spirit from the narrow perversions of the Pharisees. "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath." How could he have more expressively asserted its permanent authority? As the law of reverence for God, of duty to parents, of honesty, is for *man*, in every age and clime, so is the Sabbath.

No narrow or foolish notions of the Pharisees about Sabbath observance prevented Jesus from honoring the day itself. "Think not," He says, "that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets; I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill." The effect of Christ's coming upon the Sabbath, is the same as its effect upon other moral precepts, as expressed in the Sermon on the Mount. He broadened, He spiritualized, but never annulled them. Jesus honored by teaching and example, the spirit of the Sabbath. Did Paul go counter to the teachings of Jesus? The fairest way to interpret him, when he bids the Christians let no man judge them in respect to meats and drinks, or the new moons or Sabbaths, is that he was opposing a narrow Judaic observance of these precepts. There is abundant evidence from the Scripture and ecclesiastical history, that he and the other early Christians observed the Lord's day as one of joyful worship

Our first duty then is to bring out more frequently and emphatically the divine *authority* of the Sabbath. Apart from all which is narrow and temporary about the Sabbath, stands the fact that one day in seven is divinely, permanently consecrated to the higher uses of the soul.

In the next place, we must teach the *worth* of the Christian Sabbath. We must show its worth negatively and positively;—both by the evil it prevents and the good it brings. Looking through the history of the Hebrews, do you anywhere find profanation of the Sabbath, but what it is connected with other sins? They lead to it, and it to them. In that

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instance recorded where Nehemiah rebuked a prevalent violation of the day, we find that the Sabbath-breaking grew out of *covetousness*. He saw some of the people "treading wine presses on the Sabbath, and bringing in sheaves, * * * as also wine, grapes and figs and all manner of burdens." The men of Tyre also brought fish and all manner of ware to sell on the Sabbath; i. e., the excessive desire to make money, caused the disregard of the day. In another instance Isaiah rebukes the people for seeking their own pleasure on the Sabbath—i. e., their pleasure in the low and narrow sense. You generally find that excessive desire for money—a dishonest and selfish spirit accompanied disregard of the Sabbath. This is a universal fact of history. What so often causes the desecration of the Sabbath in America, as the covetousness of liquor sellers who reap a harvest on that day; of railroad companies which make money out of Sunday trains, and newspapers which find that a Sunday edition pays? And as Sabbath-breaking is fostered by other vices, so it fosters them. A careful inquiry into the larger penal institutions of Germany showed that of persons imprisoned for wounding and killing, forty per cent. committed these acts on Sunday. It is not a chance connection, that Cincinnati, the hot-bed of communism, has fifteen or twenty theaters of low character open on Sunday. History shows that disregard of the Sabbath has always degraded the people morally.

But let us dwell much more upon the *positive* side. We must show the worth of the Sabbath. We must impress upon our people the profound significance of our Lord's teaching, that the Sabbath was made *for man*. There is need to do over again, in the spirit of our day, the work which was well accomplished years ago by Dr. Justin Edwards' Sabbath Manual. We must show that the Christian Sabbath, the Lord's Day, is pre-eminently the friend of the railroad employe, the printer, the news boy, the steamboat hand. We must gain a truer appreciation of our old *New England* Sabbath. Let its faults be fairly admitted; but they have been monstrously exaggerated, and its benefits ignored. One would think to hear some men talk, that the only element in that old New England Sabbath was its rigor. He who would adequately set forth how much that Sabbath has done for America, would be a benefactor of the race. Let us put side by side with every fling at its mistakes, a defense of its noble intent and achievement. We owe to it some things which seem far removed from its spirit. There was a *poetic* side to the devotion of the Pilgrims. If they had thought more of luxury, and less

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of Sabbath-keeping, their sons would not have included such a noble roll of thinkers and poets. Well would it be, if instead of the words of shallow dabblers in our New England history, the testimony of such a historian as Palfrey were heeded. Speaking of New England in 1675, he says, "Throughout the country, habits of temperance and of general self-control, with their train of good temper and cheerfulness, diffuse their joy in modest homes." The virtue and intelligence of the people he connects largely with their Sabbath-keeping. While we dispense with the austere and Judaic features of their Sabbath observance, let us realize that our Sabbath as we inherit it, is inestimably superior to that of continental Europe. The New England Sabbath has had a large share in forming our people to their habits of good reading. It has kept ever awake in their hearts the consciousness of their spiritual, immortal nature. Its spirit accords with the suggestive quietness of nature itself. No person who knows the real character of the New England Sabbath, can help feeling the *beauty* of its quiet, its thoughtfulness, its spiritual uplifting. Thinking Americans, apart from all peculiarities of religious belief, have felt its value—in contrast to a Sunday of worldliness and dissipation. Ralph Waldo Emerson nobly characterizes as one of the "inestimable advantages Christianity has given us, the Sabbath, the jubilee of the whole world, whose light dawns welcome alike into the closet of the philosopher, into the garret of toil, and into prison cells, and everywhere suggest, even to the vile, the dignity of spiritual being. Let it stand forevermore, a temple, which new love, new faith, new sight shall restore to more than its first splendor to mankind."

Lastly, if we would effectively oppose Sabbath desecration, *we must teach the true spirit of the day.* While gladly granting liberty about secondary matters of observance, we must maintain the essential character of the Lord's Day as a *day for man's* SPIRITUAL *nature.* Lose this, and we lose everything. The early Christians observed Sunday *religiously.* Says the highest authority upon the subject, "The divinely inspired apostles, by their practice and by their precepts, marked the first day of the week as a day for meeting together to break bread, for communicating and receiving instruction, for laying up offerings in store for charitable purposes, for occupation in holy thought and prayer." A great Roman Catholic statesman of France said, "There is no religion without worship, and there is no worship without a Sabbath." He should have added, "without a *holy* Sabbath," for history shows that a Sabbath half given to secular amusement loses the life of worship, and eventually al-

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most its form. "On careful estimates, it is asserted that less than five out of every hundred in Berlin, Hamburg, Bremen, and the other principal cities of Germany, are in the habit of frequenting the churches; and certainly not a greater proportion in Vienna, Paris, and other great cities in Europe, while in the city of New York from twenty to twenty-five in every hundred attend church." Said Sir Walter Scott, "Give the world one-half of Sunday, and you will find that religion has no strong hold on the other half."

It is especially important in this connection to urge upon American Christians that they have no right to so overwork on Saturday that a spiritual Sabbath is impossible. Many a man makes Saturday so much longer and harder a day of work than the rest, that he is physically unfitted for worship. There was much wisdom in the Jewish idea of a preparation day for the Sabbath. The latter part of Friday, probably from three o'clock in the afternoon, was at first called the Preparation, and later the term was extended to cover the whole of Friday. The Colony of Massachusetts Bay were enjoined by the company which sent them over, "to cease their labor every Saturday throughout the year at three of the clock in the afternoon." It is a fact which speaks well for the wisdom of the Japanese government, that in 1876, in connection with making Sunday the day of rest in all the government offices, it also made the afternoon of Saturday a half-holiday. Inquire into the history of many of the best New England homes of the last generation, and you find that one reason why the Sabbath was a spiritual and sacred day, was that less work than usual on Saturday afternoon, and a quiet Saturday evening at home, gave preparation of body and mind.

This suggests another way of securing the genuine spirit of the Sabbath. We must appreciate its close connection with *true home life*. The Sabbath is one chief influence which has exalted English and American homes. The Sabbath is a home day. Its spirit perfectly accords with the meeting of the household for more and higher fellowship than on other days. The quiet reading of good books, the reading of the Scriptures *together* by parents and children, singing, all accord perfectly with its spirit. The brightest flowers should be placed upon the table for Sunday. The pleasantest part of the house should be thrown open; everything should say that it is the day most honored and loved in the home. Nothing reveals the utter incongruity of noisy conventions, whether in the interest of religion, or temperance, or any other good object, with the spirit of the Sabbath, more than this fact, that they

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break up the home life of the day. We can fortify our American Sabbath and lessen its desecration in no more effectual way than by training Christian parents to a higher ideal of home life. Dr. Bushnell, in his invaluable book on Christian Nurture, says of a truly Christian home: "Nothing will be remembered so fondly, or steal upon the soul with such a gladsome yet sacred feeling afterward, as the recollection of those dear Sundays, when God's light shone so brightly into the house, and made a holiday for childhood so nearly divine."

Pardon me if I add distinctly what has been already often implied. We must make Sunday not only a day of *worship* and a *home* day, but a *joyful* day. No impression of the Lord's Day as observed by the early Christians has come down in history so prominently as this,—that it was a day of *joy*. Let that spirit again more fully possess the hearts of God's people, and it is the chief security against Sabbath desecration. Let the children be taught of it from the first, as the best day of the week. Let the public services be filled with the spirit of worship, praise, and glad communion with God. But how can we attain this? Only by greater spirituality. Only as we are less worldly, and more truly live for that which the Sabbath represents. The counsel of God to an overworked, over-anxious age like ours is:

"That every day should leave some part
Free for a Sabbath of the heart;
So shall the seventh be truly blest,
From morn to eve, with hallowed rest."

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

TO VISIT THE

BANGOR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, 1879.

Maine is so situated geographically and commercially, that it now has and is likely to continue to have a much larger native population than any other New England state. Various causes also combine to give a more rapid increase and a more stalwart physical and mental development to the people, than in other sections of the country. But only a portion, perhaps not more than half of those who are born and grow up in the State remain in it after they reach maturity. Large numbers emigrate every year, and Maine men and women are to be found in all parts of the world. The consequence is that Maine people are exerting a very powerful and wide influence, and this is likely to continue for many years to come. Some of the fathers were wise enough to foresee this state of things, and felt the necessity of establishing institutions of education to meet the wants of the people, and thus to prepare them for the great work which Providence had called them to accomplish. Bangor Theological Seminary is one of the institutions that resulted from the foresight, the prayers, and the faith of the fathers. Beautiful for situation, in the midst of a thriving city, with ample buildings which are kept in good condition, the Seminary affords many attractions to the Christian young men of New England and the Provinces who are seeking to prepare themselves for usefulness in the church and world. The Seminary has for many years merited and enjoyed the confidence of the churches of Maine and other States, and has, by the liberal gifts of its friends, been placed upon a permanent basis. The report of the treasurer afforded the committee a clear and satisfactory view of the financial condition of the institution. The whole amount of the endowment and general fund of the Seminary is a little over $192,000. This has been very ably and faithfully managed, and nothing has been lost by bad investments, or in any other way. The securities are all good, and have yielded during the past year an average of about seven per cent. During the year, the general fund has been increased by gifts and donations about $4,000. The income of the Seminary from its invested funds will not be so large in the future as during the past few years, from the fact that, as the securities

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mature, the money has to be invested at a diminished rate of interest. From this cause, the trustees saw the necessity of cutting down expenses somewhat, but not, it is hoped, in such a manner as to diminish the usefulness of the institution.

The Seminary has an able board of instructors. Dr. Pond, the president, is now very advanced in years, but is still quite vigorous. Drs. Talcott and Hamlin are in the ripeness and fullness of their prime; and Drs. Sewall and Paine in the strength of mature manhood; while all, in scholarly attainments and devout piety, are thoroughly fitted for the stations that they occupy.

The anniversary of the Rhetorical Society was held on Monday evening, June 2d. The exhibition was one of rare excellence, and the young men who spoke on the occasion, honored themselves and did justice to the Seminary. Competent judges pronounced the elocution peculiarly good, and the thought was clearly and forcibly expressed. The examinations of the classes in the various departments of Biblical Exegesis, Church History, Theology and Homelitics, showed a good knowledge of the subjects investigated, and the students generally acquitted themselves in a creditable manner. The committee believe that the study and instruction has been faithful and thorough, and that a good degree of success has crowned the studies and labors of the year. They were much pleased with the topical manner of examination introduced in several instances. It also occurred to them that a few essays upon important subjects, interspersed here and there in the examination, would increase the interest, and show the style and method that the young men would take in stating truth. The topical method of examination was specially pleasing, because it seems to embrace all the excellence of both the oral and written examination.

The parts of the graduating class were well written, and generally well delivered. They displayed a good style, tact and force, and showed that they would do valiant battle for right and truth in the world. As the fourteen young men went forward to receive their diplomas, many a prayer went up from devout and loving hearts in the assembly, that they might be blessed and prospered in their great and glorious work, that all might be found worthy and faithful soldiers of the cross, and be the happy instruments of winning many souls to Christ.

While there seems to be no lack of intellectual vigor and power among the students, the attention of the committee was called to the fact, which has been publicly alluded to before, that there are but few college graduates among the students at the present time. It is true that a thorough

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education can at the present day be secured outside of college walls, and that many of our best ministers are not graduates of any college; and your committee would only say this, that if the absence of college graduates indicates a deficiency of literary and scientific culture on the part of the students, they deeply regret it, and feel that something ought to be done at once to raise the standard of scholarship. * * The committee were gratified to ascertain that this matter was receiving the earnest attention of the faculty, and that the trustees proposed to employ a tutor in the languages, so that those who, through the force of circumstances, come to the Seminary with a limited preparation, may have an opportunity to make up their deficiency. This seems to be a wise, and we trust will prove to be a sucessful plan.

The committee noticed that more young men from the Provinces, and less from the States, were in the classes than in former years. We rejoice to see the Provinces so largely represented, and we hope that double and quadruple the numbers will come, and of other denominations also besides our own; but we do want to see our own and other states more largely represented.

The good ministers and people of Bangor and vicinity have always taken a lively interest in the Seminary, and have done much for it, but as the years roll by, and the Seminary becomes an old and established institution, the younger people do not know the struggles through which it has passed, and the self-denial that some of their fathers practiced, in order to place it upon a permanent basis. And thus there is fear lest a diminished interest may come to be manifest in the Seminary, and its anniversary exercises. This may also be true of the State at large. * *

We therefore bespeak for our young men a larger and deeper interest, and we hope that all the good friends of the Seminary, and there are many in the vicinity, and as many of the Alumni as possible, will testify to their interest in the institution by their presence at the next anniversary. Let this be done, and it will not be long before our educated young men in the State who are looking forward to the ministry, will begin anew as in times past to direct their steps to this Institution for study; and the Seminary will not only gather young men of fervent piety whose circumstances have prevented them from securing a collegiate education, but also the men of liberal culture from all parts of the country; and thus we shall send forth trained and scholarly men, such as are qualified to grapple and master the difficult questions of the age, and we shall be able to supply all our pulpits from our own institution of sacred learning.

F. V. NORCROSS,
on behalf of the Committee.

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Term commences Sept. 18, 1879,—fifteen weeks from the Anniversary,—which is held on the first Wednesday in June. Examination of classes, and Society addresses, on Tuesday and Wednesday of the same week.

THE FIFTY-NINTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SEMINARY....1879.

June 2.—*Monday Evening.*—Anniversary of the Rhetorical Society, in Central church.—Prayer, Rev. S. L. B. Speare, of Bangor; Music by the choir of the church.—Four orations by two members each, of the Junior and Middle classes.

June 3.—*Tuesday*, 9 *A. M., in the chapel.*—Examination of the Junior class in the New Testament, by Prof. Talcott. 10:30 *A. M.*, of the Senior class in Church History, Prof. Paine. 2 *P. M.*, of the Junior class in the Old Testament, Professor Talcott. 3 *P. M.*, Senior class in Homiletics, Prof. Sewall. 4:30 *P. M.*, Junior class in Mental Philosophy, Prof. Hamlin.

Evening.—Address before the Rhetorical Society in the First church, by Rev. Prof. Levi L. Paine, D. D.—Theme.—The kind of preaching, and preachers needed for the times. Devotional exercises by Rev. George S. Dickerman, of Lewiston. Singing by the congregation.

June 4.—*Wednesday*, 8 *A. M.* ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES.—9 A. M. Middle Class in Church History, by Prof. Paine, and the Junior Class in Rhetoric, by Prof. Sewall. 10 A. M.—Middle Class in Theology, by Prof. Hamlin.

8 *P. M.*—ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ALUMNI, in Hammond Street Church.—Henry V. Emmons, of Hallowell, (1859) *President*, in the Chair. Prayer, Rev.

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Woodbury S. Kimball, of Wells. Theme for discussion.—The Ministerial Education, needed for the times.—Opened by Rev. John S. Sewall, D. D., followed by Revs. George W. Field, D. D., and S. Lewis B. Speare, of Bangor, Revs. John L. Withrow, D. D., and S. Sherburne Matthews, of Boston, and Rev. Henry V. Emmons, of Hallowell.

Necrology.—John Rice Munsell, (1831,) in Harwich, Mass., Dec. 24, 1878, æt. 75. ....Daniel Dole, (1839,) in Kapoa, Kauai, Sandwich Islands, Aug. 26, 1878, æt. 70. ....Leonard Woods, D. D., LL. D., Professor of Sacred Literature, 1835-'39, in Boston, Dec. 24, 1878, æt. 72.....Ephraim W. Clark, who pursued preparatory studies at Bangor, in Chicago, Illinois, July 4. 1878, æt. 79. (Notice of each of the above on pp. 96—99.)

Officers Elected.—James H. Crosby, (1865,) of Bangor, *President;* Woodbury S. Kimball,(1867,) of Wells, *Vice-President;* John S.Sewall,D.D.,(1858) of Bangor, *Secretary and Necrologist;* Cyrus Hamlin, D. D., (1837,) of Bangor, Clarence A. Beckwith, (1877,) of Brewer, with the President, Vice-President, and Secretary, *Executive Committee.*

Wednesday evening.—Graduating exercises of the Senior Class,—numbering fourteen,—seven of whom delivered addresses. Devotional exercises by Revs. Cyrus Hamlin, D. D., of Bangor, and Stephen H. Hayes, of Boston. The Diplomas were presented by Professor Talcott, with brief remarks. Professor Paine in his address on the evening previous, added parting words to the class. The singing was by the Penobscot Quartette.—Last hymn by the congregation.

Report of Anniversary in Mirror,June 7; S.H.H.,Mir.,21; Cong'list,June 11; Advance, June 19; Reminiscences, by H. E. B., in Mirror, June 14; in the Foreign field, by E. F. D., Mirror, March 1.

Professor Sewall returned from Europe, Sept. 12, 1878. Letters from him were published in Mirror, July 27, Aug. 3, 17, 24, 31, Sept. 14, 21. Professor Paine returned Oct. 2, 1878.

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FRANKLIN CLEMENT ROBINSON, A. M., Josiah Little Professor of Natural Science.
SAMUEL VALENTINE COLE, A. M., Instructor in Latin.
AUGUSTUS PALMER DUDLEY, M. D., Demonstrator of Anatomy.
STEPHEN J. YOUNG, A. M., Treasurer.
CAPT. CHARLES N. BATES, Assistant Treasurer.

Fall Term commences Thursday, Sept. 25, 1879. Commencement Day, Thursday, July 8, 1880.

The Reading-room is fully furnished with newspapers and magazines, and it is now a first-class Reading-room.

The "Praying Circle" of the College was instituted July 22, 1815, and meets Sabbath morning. These meetings are open to all who desire to attend. The object of this association is: "The religious edification of its members, the promotion of vital godliness in the College, and prayer for the universal spread of the gospel."

Commencement morning, a prayer-meeting is held under direction of the Bowdoin Praying Circle.

BACCALAUREATE DISCOURSE, July 6, 1879, by President Chamberlain,—Luke 12:15. Material possessions, intended only as a means to subserve the nobler ends of man.

In the morning, a sermon was preached by Rev. John S. Sewall, D. D., of Bangor Theological Seminary, before the Bowdoin Praying Circle.—Acts 3: 6. Christianity can accomplish what the State and Society can do, and much more.

Monday, July 7.—Junior prize exhibition.—Reception at Prof. Carmichael's residence.

Tuesday, July 8.—Class Day. Services, A. M. and P. M., in the Congregational church. *Evening*, Lemont Hall.

Wednesday, July 9.—Annual meeting of the Phi Beta Kappa, 9 A. M.; Alumni Association, 10:30 A. M. In the afternoon, Memorial address in honor of the late President Woods, before the Alumni, and the Maine Historical Society, by Professor Charles Carroll Everett, of Harvard University. *Evening.*—Concert by Mrs. Annie G. Dow, Miss Drasdil, Messrs. Karl, Beckett and Kotzschmar, and the Mendelssohn Quintette Club.

Thursday, July 10.—Graduating exercises of the Senior class. Ten addresses for the degree of B. A. and B. S., and two for the degree of A. M. Dinner at Memorial Hall. After which, President Chamberlain presiding, speeches were made by Gov.

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Garcelon; Prof. Barbour, of Yale; Prof. Everett, of Harvard; Prof. Hamlim, of Bangor; Dr. Warren, of Portland: Messrs. Greeley and Tucker, of Chicago; Hon. John H. Goodenow, ex-consul at Constantinople; Dr. Alfred Mitchell, and Gen. S. C. Belcher. *Evening.*—Reception by the President.

Friday, July 11.—Annual meeting of the Maine Historical Society.

The College Boards passed a vote of thanks to Henry Winkley, Esq., of Philadelphia, for the gift of $10,000; to Rev. Jotham B. Sewall, for $1000, for Greek and Latin prizes; and to Mrs. Stone, of Malden, Mass., for the balance due for completing Memorial Hall.

President Chamberlain returned from a visit to Europe, Dec. 7, 1878, and was escorted by the students with torchlights from the depot, to his home.—He was publicly welcomed by the faculty, students and citizens, on the 9th instant, to which he replied by giving a report of the efforts in Europe, to promote its educational interests.

HALLOWELL CLASSICAL AND SCIENTIFIC ACADEMY.

Incorporated February 8, 1872.

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Albet H. Pennell, A. B., Mathematics and National Science.
Miss Helen D. Sewall, Latin, History, and English Studies.
Miss Augusta M. Gardiner, Piano and Vocal Music.
Miss Sarah H. Allen, Drawing and Painting.

The Anniverary exercises were held June 29, 30, July 1, 1879.

Baccalaureate Discourse, Sabbath evening, June 29, by Rev. Almon W. Burr, A. M., *Principal*. Text, Gen. 5:26. "And Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him."

Monday, June 30.—The examinations of the several classes.—*Evening.*—Anniversary Address by Rev. Anson P. Tinker, of Auburn.

Tuesday, July 1.—*Anniversary Exercises.*—Five orations, a dissertation, and an essay, by the Classical department: five essays by the Seminary department. The number of graduates, thirteen: two from the English department; six from the Classical, and five from the Seminary.

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1. The courses of study are the CLASSICAL, preparing for the best Colleges.
2. The SEMINARY, for the advanced training and culture of young ladies.
3. The ENGLISH, preparing for business.

The Ladies' Hall looks out upon the Kennebec river, is heated by steam, and furnished with bathing rooms, and an abundance of pure spring water.

The Young Men's Hall is in charge of a lady of experience, and the assistant male teacher resides there, and has the care of its inmates.

The School Year consists of three terms; the Fall, twelve weeks, commencing Sept. 2, 1879; the Winter, fourteen; and the Spring, thirteen weeks.

The living expenses of the students have been partially lessened.

For Catalogue, or information, address the Principal, or Rev. H. F. Harding, Secretary, Hallowell, Me.

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Sixty-five auxiliaries were reported last year, page 93. Nine have been organized this year: at South Berwick, Brewer, Gray, Hallowell, Ligonia, (Cape Elizabeth,) Litchfield Corner, Mechanic Falls, Orono, Winthrop, and eight new Mission Circles. Whole number of auxiliaries, 74. Mission Circles, 47.

Receipts for the year, $3028.78.

Meeting of the State Branch in Winthrop, June 25, 1879. (See page 30.)

The pledged work for the next year is the support of the school at Mardin, Eastern Turkey Mission,—Mrs. Andrus, Miss Sears, and Miss Pratt, teachers; the school

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at Bardesay, Western Turkey Mission,—Miss Farnham, teacher; and the school at Umzumbi, South Africa,—Mrs. Bridgman, Miss Pinkerton, and Miss Welch, teachers; it pledges also the salary of Miss Clara E. Hamlin, who has just sailed for the Constantinople Home; and the sum of $750 to be devoted to the building of a dispensary for Miss Ogden at Sholapoor, India. This latter sum is to be raised by the Mission Circles.

Two boxes of clothing have been sent out during the year, one to Mrs. Pierce, of Erzroom, Turkey, the other to the ladies at Umzumbi, South Africa. Articles for the boxes were received from many of the auxiliaries.

Sixth Annual Report published in a pamphlet of 40 pps., 12 mo.

CONGREGATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF THE UNITED STATES.—Organized Nov. 17, 1871. Meets Triennially.

Met in Oberlin, Nov. 17, 1871—New Haven, Sept. 30, 1874, Detroit, Oct. 17, 1877.

Alabama, Gen. Conf'c of Cong'l Churches,.....
California, General Association,.....San Francisco,.....Oct. 9, 1879
Colorado, Association of Cong'l Churches,.....
Connecticut, General Association,.....Wolcottville.....June 15, 1880
Connecticut, General Conference,.....Waterbury,.....Nov. 11, 1879
Dakota, Congregational Association,.....Yankton,.....Oct. 14, 1879
Georgia, General Conference,.....Savannah.....Nov. 13, 1879
Illinois, General Association,.....Alton,.....May 24, 1880
Indiana, Gen. Asso. of Cong'l Chs. & Minis'rs Elkhart,.....May 11, 1880
Iowa, General Association,.....Maquoketa,.....June 2, 1880
Kansas, Gen. Asso. of Cong'l Chs. & Minis'rs Starling, Rice Co.,.....June 8, 1880
Kentucky, State Asso. of Christian Chs. & M'rs. Berea,.....Oct. 1879
Lousiana, South-western Conference,.....
Massachusetts, Gen. Asso. of Cong'l Chs.,....Salem, South ch.,.....June 15, 1880
Michigan, General Association,.....Detroit, First Ch.,.....May 19, 1880
Minnesota, Gen. Cong'l Conference,.....Minneapolis,.....Oct. 8, 1879
Missouri, Gen. Asso. of the Cong'l Chs.,.....Sedalia.....Oct. 16, 1879
Nebraska, Congregational Association,.....Lincoln,.....Oct. 22, 1879
New Hampshire, General Association,.....Lebanon,.....Sept. 16, 1879
New Jersey, General Association,.....Orange Valley,.....Oct. 14, 1879
New York, General Association,.....Canandaigua,.....Oct. 21, 1879
Ohio, Congregational Conference,.....Wellington,.....May 11, 1880
Oregon, Congregational Association,.....
Rhode Island, Congregational Conference,...Pawtucket,.....June 8, 1880
Texas, S. W. Congregational Association,...Helena, Karnes Co.,.....July 8, 1880
Vermont, Gen. Conv. of Cong'l Min'rs & Chs. Chester,.....June 8, 1880
Wisconsin, Cong'l and Pres. Convention,....Ripon,.....Sept. 30, 1879
District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia, in New Jersey Gen. Association.
Northern Alabama, Tennessee and Mississippi;—The Central South Conference.
Athens, Alabama,.....Nov. 13, 1879
Maryland, in Congregational Asso. of New Jersey.
Nevada, in General Association of California.

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Pennsylvania, Welsh Congregational Association, of Eastern Pennsylvania in Lansford, Sept., 1879.—Welsh Cong'l Asso. of Western Pennsylvania, in Corry, Sept. 9—11, 1879.
Washington Territory, in Oregon Association.
West Virginia, in Ohio Conference.—Virginia, in Con'l Association of New Jersey.
Wyoming, in Colorado Association.
Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick,
Liverpool, N. S.,.....July 11, 1880
Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec, in Emmanuel Ch., Montreal, Que.,
See Note p. 27. June 9, 1880.

CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETIES.

The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.—Treasurer, Langdon S. Ward, Cong'l House, Boston. Missionary Herald, $1.10 a year.

Secretaries of the American Board.—Rev. N. G. Clark, D. D., and Rev. E. K. Allen, D. D., of Boston.

(1.) Receipts from Maine,—$9,363.17; Mission Schools, $550.55.—Total,—$9,913.72.

Annual meeting of the Board, in Syracuse, N. Y., Oct. 7, 1879, 3 P. M.

Woman's Board of Missions.—Mrs. Albert Bowker, *President*; Miss A. B. Child, *Home Secretary;* Mrs. B. E. Bates, *Treasurer.* "Life and Light for Women," monthly, 60 cents. Rooms, 1 and 2, Congregational House, Boston.—Receipts, $2,942.30.

The American Missionary Association.—Contributions may be sent to Rev. C. L. Woodworth, *Sec'y*, No. 21 Congregational House, Boston. Fifty cents a year sent to H. W. Hubbard, *Assistant Treasurer*, 59 Reade street, N. Y., pays for the American Missionary Magazine;—published monthly.

Rev. M. E. Strieby, D. D., 59 Reade street, New York, *Secretary;* Rev. S. Thurston, D. D., *Vice-President* from Maine.—Receipts, $2,853.63.

Rev. David Thurston, D. D., referred to on pp. 14, 31, was the first VICE-PRESIDENT of this Society, elected at its organization in 1846; he was elected PRESIDENT in 1859, and was succeeded at his death in 1865, by Rev. Edward N. Kirk, D. D.

Annual meeting in Chicago, Ill., Oct. 28—30, 1879.

American Congregational Association, Congregational House, No. 1 Somerset street, Boston, Mass.

For information, or remittances for the Congregational House, or gifts to the Congregational Library, address Rev. Isaac P. Langworthy, D. D., *Cor. Sec., &c.*, Boston, Mass.

Vice-Presidents for Maine, Hon. W. W. Thomas, Portland; Hon. Nelson Dingley, jr., Lewiston.

The twenty-sixth Annual Report is published, 12 pp., 8vo.; 353 volumes

(1.) The sums mentioned, pp. 120, 121, are receipts from Maine during the year past.

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and pamphlets are acknowledged as received during the year from Maine, for the Library.

The American Congregational Union.—Rev. William B. Brown, D. D., *Cor. Sec'y*; Prof. N. A. Calkins, *Treasurer*, No. 59 Bible House, New York City.

Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D., of Bath, *Vice-President* from Maine.

Receipts, $1,147.26. Appropriated to Maine for church building, $1,474.94.

The Congregational Publishing Society. Establishes and aids Sabbath Schools, supplies Libraries and Tracts in home missionary fields. George P. Smith, Agent, Congregational House, Boston, Mass. Well Spring and Missionary Echo, published weekly, 65 cents per year. Receipts, $27; donated, $18.50.

Rev. Edward Y. Hincks, of Portland, *Vice-President* from Maine.

The Society for Collegiate and Theological Education and the *American Education Society* are now united under the name of the *American College and Educational Society.* Aids in planting Christian Colleges in the new States, ten institutions; also aids students to the Christian Ministry. Rev. I. N. Tarbox, D. D., *Cor. Secretary*, No. 32 Congregational House, Boston; James M. Gordon, *Treasurer*, Boston. Receipts of Maine Auxiliary, $618.34.

The American Home Missionary Society, Bible House, Astor Place, New York City. Revs. D. B. Coe, D. D., and H. M. Storrs, D. D., *Secretaries*; Rev. A. H. Clapp, D. D., *Treasurer.* The Home Missionary, published monthly, at sixty cents per year. Receipts, $594.85.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF MAINE.

Object;—Spiritual, Mental and Moral Improvement. The Means:—Religious Meetings, Sunday-Schools, Social Gatherings, Reading-Room, Lectures, Library, The Press.

Organizations in the following places: Auburn, Biddeford, Boothbay, Bridgton, Brownfield, Bucksport, Cherryfield, Ellsworth, Houlton, Lewiston, Machias, Machiasport, Portland, Rockland, Saco, Searsport, Union, Vinalhaven, Waterville, and Winthrop. "The Helping Hand," a monthly paper for young men is published by the Portland Association.

Any information in regard to Associations, their object, organization, work, etc., furnished free on application, to W. H. Hobbs, *Corresponding Secretary*, Portland.

RETURNS OF THE CHURCHES.

The return of the Churches to be made up to, and include the first Sabbath in May of each year,—to be forwarded to the Scribe of the County or Local Conference, during the *week following.* The Report of the Local Conference, to be forwarded by the Reporter, or Scribe, to the Corresponding Secretary of the General Conference, on or before the first day of June. (See page 124 of the Minutes for 1871.)

Thanksgiving Day, State and National, November 28, 1878.

State Fast, April 17, 1879.

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CONSTITUTION AMENDED.

The report of the Committee on change of time for the annual meeting of General Conference, referred to on page 6, was adopted, and the Constitution amended, according to their recommendation.

*** THE CONSTITUTION AND RULES may be found in Minutes for 1876, pp. 2, 3.

The remarks of Rev. Smith Baker, in the discussion on Scepticism, page 8, are published in the Mirror, July 19.

Receivers and Reporters.

Aroostook Conference—Rev. Charles N. Sinnett, of Fort Fairfield. *Cumberland*—Rev. H. S. Huntington, of Gorham. *Cumberland North*—Rev. T. S. Perry, of Cumberland. *Franklin*—E. P. Packard, of Wilton. *Hancock*—Rev. D. W. Hardy, of Bluehill. *Kennebec*—Rev. W. C. Curtis, of Richmond. *Lincoln and Sagadahoc*—Rev. F. V. Norcross, of Union. *Oxford*—A. W. Valentine, of Bethel. *Penobscot*—L. W. Starbird, of East Dixmont. *Piscataquis*—Dea. H. B. Hescock, of Monson. *Somerset*—Rev. Webster Woodbury, of Skowhegan. *Union*—Rev. H. H. Osgood, of Waterford. *Waldo*—Rev. W. R. Cross, of Camden. *Washington*—Charles F. Stone, of Machias. *York*—Rev. W. S. Thompson, of Acton.

Information received since previous pages were printed.

WALDO CONFERENCE, p. 84.—Semi-annual meeting with the church in North Belfast, Oct. 15, 16, 1878. Opening sermon by Rev. Benjamin B. Merrill, of Searsport, 1 Cor. 10:31. What is essential in works of righteousness? Conference sermon, Rev. Wooster Parker, of Belfast. Topics discussed.—Duty of the church to young converts; to the unconverted; relation of Evangelists to ordinary church work; relation of the church to the Temperance work. The ordinance of the Lord's Supper, administered by Revs. Edward F. Cutter, D. D., and Benj. B. Merrill.

OXFORD ASSOCIATION was organized at Norway, June 11, 1822. Meetings, on the Second Tuesday in May, July and September. The last meeting was held in Bethel, Sept. 12, 13, 1876. Rev. S. W. Pearson, of Andover, writes,—"As near as I can ascertain, the following have been connected with the Association, within the past fifteen years who have not been dismissed." Dates cannot be given.—Arthur J. Benedict, a. p., Gorham, N.H.; Henry Farrar, w. c., Brunswick; David Garland, Pastor, Bethel; Francis B. Knowlton, a. p., Oxford, N. H.; G. A. Lockwood, a. p., Kennebunk; Thomas T. Merry, w. c., Lewiston; Samuel W. Pearson, a. p., Andover; J. Loring Pratt. a. p., Strong; G. F. Tewksbury, and J. B. Wheelwright, reported, are now connected with York and Cumberland Association respectively, and J. Elliot has deceased.

MATTANAWCOOK ASSOCIATION, (Aroostook Co.,) was organized in Enfield, December 15, 1851. Meetings,—the day preceding the annual and semi-annual meeting of Aroostook Conference. No meetings held recently. Page 90.

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MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

SERMON

BY

REV. GEORGE R. MERRILL,

PASTOR OF SECOND CHURCH, BIDDEFORD,

AND

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

SEVENTY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY,

JUNE 25, 1879.

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One Master and All Brethren.

MATTHEW 23:8.—"For one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren."

The text is the mirror of a Christian man. It shows him as loyal to Christ and helpful to his fellows. It declares the formative principle of a Christian life, and so the life in fellowship of a church which is a Christian church simply, that is of a Congregational church.

I am to set forth the principle, suggest some opportunities and obligations which come to the churches by its confession, and attempt its application to the field and the work of the Maine Missionary Society.

As we study the training of the twelve by the Lord Jesus, we are most impressed by the large place the Teacher took for Himself. He gave doctrine and commandment, but He hung both upon Himself. Love to Him was the one thing He demanded of them, and into which He led them. Love,—in whose self-surrender they were to hold the doctrine, and do the commandment, because they were His. "Without me ye can do nothing," was His word, and the New Testament story of their continual dependence on Him for inspiration and courage, is a sufficient commentary upon it. Nor was this dependence a thing of accident. When He opened to them the great door of privilege in the promise, "If ye shall ask anything * * * I will do it," when He bestowed the royal commission, "Behold I give you power," He evidently intended that blessing and triumph should always be associated with His own person. In the teaching of the Master, Christianity was not a series of propositions, of dogmas connected into an orthodox faith, nor yet a collection of rules for the government of conduct. Faith in Jesus was the orthodox faith, and the wish and pleasure of Christ was a sufficient rule of conduct. Christianity at the first was a personal adherence to Jesus; this adherence led to intimate acquaintance with Him, and so, of course into views of truth and a way of life that pleased Him.

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We do not learn from the record, that our Lord was ever seriously concerned that His disciples should formulate clearly the nature of the mysterious union between Him and the Father; that they should measure accurately the disability brought on mankind by the fall; that they should justify the righteousness of eternal doom. The one thing he demanded, was personal loyalty to Himself, and He willingly left doctrine and character to be formed and controlled by this.

The early Christian churches followed His mind. To worship Christ, this made a Christian. Each true worshiper of Christ sought perforce to drink in Christ's spirit, and rise into Christ's thought, and do Christ's work. But that each one held that thought, and did that work after his own manner, let Paul and James testify by their epistles, and Paul and Peter in their missionary work. If there was substantial unity, as there was, it was not because they had agreed beforehand what to think or what to do, but simply because a common devotion to Christ unified all thoughts and works in Him.

In the later ages the disciples became wiser than the Master. They built churches and made Christians on confessions of Westminster and Savoy, of Arminius and Calvin, and wondered that so much effort was needed to keep the breath of life in them, and that they so little felt and so little manifested the primitive spirit and power. Thank God, there are tokens of a return to a better mind, the mind of the Master!

In theory it has always been the boast of our churches that we were Christian churches simply, owning but one law-giver and head, Jesus Christ. That if Calvin or Socinius, if Dr. Hodge or Theo. Parker, if Westminister, or Dort, or Augsburg had in them any good thing, it was ours to take and use, but we would be bound by none of them. There should be only one test among us, and that, loyalty to Christ. It is true that our practice has not always been as our theory; that the very divine simplicity that has enabled us to embrace in one communion unlike and diverse elements, has afforded the opportunity to impress us with forms alien to the spirit of our life. It is true that to-day there is the contradiction of Congregational churches in bondage to the letter of man; making the modes of speech of some man or of some body of men the "standard" of doctrine and life, instead of using them for life and development, in the one bond of loyalty.

Our national councils since 1865 would have deserved well if their only result had been the utterance, in the name of the churches, that we hold all creeds to be simply declarative and not binding; useful for teach-

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ing and help, so far as they have the mind of Christ. That, as churches of Christ serving him after the Congregational way, we are built on no doctrine, save the worship of Jesus Christ and unqualified loyalty to Him, in the truth we hold and the life we live. The signs of the times are not, as some falsely interpret them, that we are disintregrating, or losing our positive convictions, but that we are coming back to our true and original platform, the platform of the early church,—calling Jesus, Lord—and doing the things that he says. While I say this, and exult in it, I am bound to say that I am no advocate of a religion that is loose, flabby and sentimental; that I abhor most thoroughly that cant word, "liberal," and the bigotry it masks; that I believe in doctrines, high and broad and deep, and that have power in them; that the man for whom I find it most difficult to have charity, is the one who calls himself after Christ, but has no vital truth, no doctrine to which he clings as showing him what is worthy in Christ and fit for the world's need.

My protest is this: that a Congregational church is not built on articles of faith, or systems of doctrine, but on a personal Christ; and that the individual disciple is to be reckoned such, and by me fellowshiped, not because he agrees with me wherein I agree with Calvin or Luther, or some whom they call heretics, but because he and I bow together at the throne of Jesus, and with willing hands put the crown upon His head.

It is possible in thought to separate this personal loyalty, which is the true inspiration of the individual and social Christian life, from the mutual helpfulness which the text joins unto it. But in fact, they cannot be severed. The help and service of brotherhood prove the reality of Christ's masterhood, and are the outer garment of beauty and glory which the inward loyalty has need to wear. Therefore I have called the whole declaration of the verse, as the training of the twelve, and the course of Christian history gives me a right to do—the formative principle of church life—"For one is your Master, even Christ, and all ye are brethren."

Because this principle of loyalty to Christ and help to one another is confessedly the only principle of life in Congregational churches, there are special opportunities open before us. We can stand in the midst of a society on which are the breeding-sores of corruption; in the antagonism between labor and capital; in the seething strife of faction, and deliver, as the only message with which we are charged, "One is your Master, even Christ, and all ye are brethren." We can unite men into a

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fellowship of help where there is no law but that of perfect liberty in Christ, no constraint on thought or life, save that willing constraint of power that comes from the indwelling of the Lord. When they ask us, in the suspicions begotten of experience, for our basis of membership, our canons, our articles, our book of discipline, we have this answer, "We know neither terms, articles, canons or discipline. We have one Master, even Christ, and all we are brethren."

In the presence of souls that are multiplying in our day, souls conscious of sin, longing for rest, wanting the inspiration of holy lives, yet not willing to submit themselves bound, to schemes and ordinances of men, we can say with every accent of sincerity, Come with us, and we will do you good. We have no philosophies of truth to impose upon you, for we do no thinking for others; we have no discipline to put upon you, for Christ's yoke is all the discipline we respect; we have nothing to say at the open door of the church and kingdom of Christ but this, "We have one Master, even Christ, and all we are brethren. If to Him thy heart be as my heart, give me thine hand."

When our representatives go into small communities, where the division of a hundred families into three or four weak and warring sects is, as was said at the Boston Council, "a sin against the body of Christ, and at once the scandal and the shame of Christendom," they can gather together in one church all who are loyal to the Lord Jesus Christ. For we have no minor conditions to make, no sub-rules to propose, only this, that "as we have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so we are to walk in Him,"—"that one is our Master, even Christ, and all we are brethren." On these twin pillars of loyalty and help, we can build up a church broad enough to cover and house every soul that worships Christ.

As our missionaries go among the heathen, they need carry with them no scenes, or garments, or furniture, wherewith to construct the kingdom of God. For heathen souls, as for those in Christian lands, for society in China as for society in America, they have but this gospel, "One is your Master, even Christ, and all ye are brethren." And before the proclamation of that one Master, as revealed in His New Testament robes of power and grace, idols topple from their pedestals, and heathen knees bow in worship. And when, not as dignitaries to inferiors, not as purveyors of magical grace, but as brothers to brothers, they proclaim universal brotherhood in Christ, walls of cast crumble and fall, and those who hated each other, love one another for the Master whom they serve. The fact is, the world was never open as it is this day to the primitive

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gospel, that brings help to men in Jesus Christ; the world never groaned and travailed as it does to-day for help that shall free without binding it. And while all forms of Christianity meet its need, just in proportion as they have the Master's spirit, there are waiting for us, because of our peculiar and simple position, unexampled opportunities for Christ.

There are also peculiar obligations that grow out of our position, to a single one of which it may be permitted to refer.

Those bodies of Christians that emphasize some outward act or mode of an act, that have a book or articles as the basis of fellowship, can always appeal to these as revealing the true condition of the church. But we lack all these. Our corporate and distinctive basis, "One Master, even Christ, and all brethren," has no force save as it is manifested in the confession and life of our individual members. Other churches may have backsliders and drones, and yet the corporate life and power of the church, as administered by its governors, be still active. It cannot be so with us, for we have no governing class. We have no corporate life, save as by individual loyalty to Christ and mutual help, a true body forms itself unto Christ the head. We can manifest and prove our church life, and so our right to exist, only when we are loyal to Jesus and helpful to one another. In this there can be no substitution, but each one for himself must be loyal and helpful, and contribute by his loyalty and helpfulness to form a true corporate life. So a demand is made upon our membership for personal piety that is peculiar and imperative. The measure of our piety is the measure of the piety of the church. It will hold simply and only the place we hold for it.

I come now to speak directly of the relation of this principle of our church life to the work of that Society whose anniversary we observe to-day. The birth of the Maine Missionary Society was out of the inmost center of this principle. Its office is to serve as the channel through which the fellowship and help that belong with loyalty to Christ, may find expression. I trust brethren will not misinterpret me when I say that such a society is a necessary evil. For the personal element in fellowship and help, is what gives them Christian value. I suppose that in the ideal church all help, at least within possible range of contact, would be personal, based upon a personal knowledge; that the necessity for machines to perform this work arises largely from our sluggishness and unwillingness to take pains to be the almoners of our own bounty. It is of first necessity, then, that the machine element should be reduced to a minimum; that the conductor between the churches and the churches,

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and between the churches and the ministry, should be so sensitive as not to lose anything that is committed to it, and as to be able also to awaken a reflex action. Allow me to be specific.

1. It makes little difference how large sums of money flow into the treasury, if that money does not express anything. Money will build up an ism, but not the kingdom of Christ. To do that fitly, the money that comes from the stronger churches must come as the expression of a Christly sympathy. It is no small part of the business of this society to awaken and foster that sympathy. To this end the details of the work, its hardships and trials, should be known.

My brethren, within the month, I have shed heart-tears of which I am not ashamed, at the sacrifices of some who bear our commission.

I sit in my comfortable study, no more comfortable than any pastor's should be, with the books and "tools" around me, that any man needs, with a comfortable living and a fair chance for my children,—no more than is any man's right. But within a day's ride are brethren every whit my equals in culture, and supremely my superiors in all the graces of a godly spirit, who during the year past, have attempted the maintenance of families on less than $300, whose floors have no carpets, who can buy no books, who can take no journeys for intellectual quickening, who cannot hope to train their sons to succeed them in the ministry. All that this suggests, they sacrifice,—to Christ? No! to the ignorance of the churches. We do not know it. When the monthly concert comes around, we have abundance of intelligence to awaken our sympathies for the South and West, for Asia and Africa, but not one item from this field of our own that lies next our doors.

It may be said, that these brethren would not permit their work and self-denial to be told. Then this must be their greater sacrifice for Christ. They owe it to the churches, they owe it to Christ that the story should be told. And one of the duties of this society, I apprehend, is to secure that it is told. A column in the *Mirror*, which I take no risk in saying would be readily open, and which our esteemed secretary is abundantly able to make as useful to this work, as the *Herald* is in its sphere; the occasional visits of missionaries to the stronger churches, at the expense of the society; these and things like them, would assist very much to promote a flow of living gold into the treasury.

Not the least of the good work of our general missionary during the past year, has been his graphic portraiture in the contributing churches, of the field and the work.

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It has been suggested also, that if a little more of the field and the work could be put into this annual meeting, it might be possible to engender some of that enthusiasm that characterizes the meetings of the Board, and which just now, is so greatly needed as an impulsive force. But the question of methods is secondary; the essential thing is, that there is an obligation upon the society to make its receipts represent Christian sympathy, and to so foster this sympathy, that it may express itself in larger help.

2. The duty of helpfulness is connected with and is under bonds to supreme loyalty to Christ. Therefore, this society, as the channel of help and sympathy, is bound to direct these only where they will advance the kingdom of Christ.

If we represented an "ism," if we had some modification or appendage of the gospel to present, it might seem needful that we should maintain ourselves where the Lord has no need of us. Because it is not so, there is room to question whether some of the aided churches, whose fields have been divided and subdivided almost to the vanishing point, should not seriously inquire by what death they should glorify God, and whether this society should not suggest the question, by withholding its aid.

There is a deal of beautiful sentiment, which I appreciate, which numbers the streams of gladness that have flowed from these fountains now dried up, and which urges that they have earned, by honorable service, the right to be preserved as relics of the past. But churches are not monuments of the past; they are working agencies in the present. This society is not a museum or a hospital, but a Missionary Society.

It is to be repeated with emphasis in this presence, as was said at the recent gathering of the Massachusetts churches, that we have too many *denominational* churches. "Infant baptism and immersion, amen before the prayer is ended, and the prayer and robes of Henry VIII., and councils, courts and assemblies, major and minor, differences in shades of government, are costing the church of God too much."

If anywhere a Congregational church has become depleted and is ready to die, because by its side are other organizations that have taken the most of its strength, and can blessedly use the rest for the service of the same Lord, it can prove its just right to have lived so long only by now ceasing to live. Speaking only for myself, and yet I know for many of the churches, I say that our sympathies are not kindled, nor our contributions drawn out for any of these sepulchers of the prophets, but only for real work done for Christ where nobody else would be doing it, if we

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were not. We look to this society to turn our sympathies and our help in such directions and in such alone.

3. For the successful accomplishment of such work as this, we must have energy and enthusiasm in the workers. We must have our best young men, the picked and chosen of all those whom we consecrate unto the Lord. It is possible to obtain and hold such, only as the society that stands as the sensitive conductor between them and the churches, is a real and representative mother to them.

There is an ambition that is worthy of a young minister,—an ambition that is secular, and yet in the best sense spiritual. Its gratification gives courage and supplies a by no means unworthy spur. It is the ambition to do the largest work for Christ, to move the greatest number possible, to gather and polish as many jewels as may be for our Redeemer. I cannot esteem him the highest type of minister, who will take our commission and go into the woods, willing and expecting to stay there always, and to be always limited in his opportunities. Give me rather a consecrated ambition that in the wilderness, would fit itself for the world's conquest. To enlist such men, it must be apparent that this society notes and remembers good work; that the churches honor good work, and that man who does it, is in the legitimate line of promotion.

Could not the strouger churches be encouraged, when they have need of pastors, to call young men tried and proved in our own work, rather than take the risks of fledglings from the seminaries, of whom the hard saying is too nearly true as some of us know, that "they're liable to ruin one church in learning to preach"? I wish it were practicable to revive the ancient custom of summer exchanges between those who give, and those who take the blessing. Certainly it would be possible to employ more often as supplies, our own pickets, in preference to the "noble army of reserves" who revolve around the corner of Beacon and Somerset streets.

To sum up. The formative principle of the Christian life, which is the only organizing and controlling force in our Congregatioaal churches, leaves this society free from the obligation to sustain organizations in places where no famine of the bread of life would follow our withdrawal, leaves it free to go into the really destitute portions of our state; and places it under obligation to keep warm and glowing the current of sympathy and help between the churches.

Fathers and brethren, I have spoken freely, but not my own mind alone. Correspondence and personal contact have made me aware that

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I have expressed, however imperfectly, the growing view of the churches.

At no day since its foundation, has the Maine Missionary Society been more tenderly loved. But as the love, so is the anxiety, lest there should come upon it what has fallen upon so many societies—the loss of life—the decline into a mere machine, mechanically gathering and mechanically paying away money that is as mechanically given.

If as we believe, it is possible so to relate our society, on the one hand to the contributing churches, and on the other to the aided churches, that joined as they are in the confession of a common Master, they shall find in it the needed avenue for the passage of that sympathy and help which is the necessary fruit of such a confession; then the glorious history of the past will be but as shadows cast by those larger successes that are to come.

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Seventy-Second Annual Report.

The Trustees of the Maine Missionary Society present the following as their seventy-second annual report:

Before speaking of the actual work which has been done for the year, it seems fitting to recall for a moment, those who have been removed from earth since the last annual meeting. Of those in active service, we have to record three deaths. Dea. Simon Page, a valuable Trustee, a tried friend, and a substantial patron of the society, passed quietly to his rest, in August, 1878. Dea. Thomas R. Hayes, an Auditor, and a man of great worth, was called to his reward March 15th, 1879. Rev. John Elliot, once a missionary of the A. B. C. F. M., and for twenty years the pastor of the Rumford church, mysteriously closed his career, the 14th of April, 1879. We mention affectionately also, Dea. Sam'l Adams, a life long friend, a former Trustee, and a liberal benefactor; Rev. John A. Douglass; Rev. Thomas Jameson; Rev. Eben Newhall; Rev. Jos. R. Munsell; Rev. Benj. G. Page; and Rev. John Whitney, colaborers in Home Missionary work for another generation than this present. How literally the promise has been fulfilled towards these servants of God. "With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation."

The following tabular view will indicate the work that has been done during the year:

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		F. A. Thayer	Oct. 30, 1878	..	.....	7	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....
		A. Hadden	Jun. 15 1879	..	.....	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....
2	Acton	Rev. W. S. Thompson	July 1, 1878	12	150	12	70	0	0	7	57	20	70	$37 34	$23 75
3	Albany	G. W. Bird	July 1, 1878	2 1/3	80	2 1/3	70	0	0	0	47	...	85	108 00	.....
		Rev. D. R. Atkins	Sept. 1, 1878	3	96	3	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....
		C. W. Bird	May 18 1879	1 2/3	28	1 2/3	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....
4	Alton	Rev. H. Peckover	July 1, 1878	2 2/3	80	2 2/3	100	..	*no*	*ch*	...	...	...	38 00	.....
5	Anson and South Anson	F. G. Chutter	July 1, 1878	2 1/4	80	2 1/4	70	7	0	0	...	40	25	40 00	.....
6	Amherst and Aurora	G. E. Chapin	July 1, 1878	12	175	12	80	0	10	2	49	30	60	21 32	.....
7	Andover	Rev. S. W. Pearson	July 1, 1878	12	150	12	86	0	0	2	82	10	70	11 52	47 62
8	Auburn, 6th Street	Rev. L. Reynolds	July 1, 1878	12	100	12	125	8	5	0	56	20	150	5 00	12 00
9	Baldwin and Sebago	Rev. R. Wickett	July 1, 1878	12	200	12	200	0	12	5	42	20	20	15 35	.....
10	Bangor, West	D. Greene	July 1, 1878	4	108	4	100	..	*no*	*ch*	...	...	100	33 00	.....
11	Benton	A. Wiswall	Jan. 1, 1879	5	50	5	90	20	21	4	50	40	40	.....	.....
12	Biddeford, 1st	H. A. Freeman	July 1, 1878	12	200	12	80	5	0	0	40	15	50	7 00	3 00
13	Bingham	Rev. A. H. Thompson	July 1, 1878	12	200	10 1/3	85	0	0	1	54	18	100	12 00	.....
14	Brewer Village	Rev. A. Blanchard	.....	..	.....	..	125	60	33	0	91	30	100	45 00	.....
15	Brownfield	Rev. E. S. Jordan	July 1, 1878	12	150	12	110	0	0	2	57	75	80	22 00	10 00
16	Burlington	E. M. Cousins	July 1, 1878	3 1/3	104	3 1/3	60	0	0	0	19	20	90	60 00	.....
17	Caribou	R. S. Whidden	July 1, 1878	2 2/3	88	2 2/3	150	0	0	0	25	...	75	75 00	.....
18	Dedham	D. L. Davis	July 1, 1878	4 2/3	123	4 2/3	70	0	0	0	64	25	60	18 00	.....
19	Denmark	C. W. Shelton	May 18 1879	1 1/4	28	1 1/4	125	1	0	1	48	...	30	.....	.....

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22	Eastport	Rev. G. Kelley	July 1, 1878	12	150	12	75	0	4	2	96	25	50	10 81	10 00
23	Edgecomb	Rev. H. H. Hutchinson	July 1, 1878	12	200	12	80	0	0	0	94	30	40	11 00	.....
24	Elliot	A. C. Brown	July 1, 1878	2¼	72	2¼	80	0	0	0	92	25	60	86 75	.....
		Rev. D. L. Hibbard	Oct. 1, 1878	9	150	9	.....								
25	Farmington Falls	Rev. D. L. Clark	July 1, 1878	12	100	12	75	0	2	3	30	28	63	5 00	.....
26	Fort Fairfield	Rev. C. N. Sinnett	July 1, 1878	12	350	12	120	0	0	0	58	25	115	15 00	20 00
27	Frankfort	R. G. Woodbridge	July 1, 1878	4	112	4	85	0	0	0	31	35	60	60 00	.....
28	Freedom	B. Copping	July 1, 1878	2¾	88	2¾	100	0	0	0	36	10	70	56 50	.....
		A. J. Rackliff	June 8, 1879	1	16	1	.....								
29	Garland	Rev. P, B. Thayer	July 1, 1878	12	150	12	125	2	6	3	99	20	80	40 00	75 00
30	Glenburn & No. Bangor	T. P. Williams	July 1, 1878	7	126	7	125	..	*no*	*ch*	...	...	50	25 00	.....
31	Gray	Rev. E. Bean	July 1, 1878	12	100	12	....	..	10	2	81	...	...	.....	.....
32	Greenville	Rev. C. Davison	July 1, 1878	12	250	12	110	4	2	0	46	35	80	39 00	185 00
33	Harrison	Rev. N. Lincoln	July 1, 1878	12	100	12	70	4	1	0	47	20	55	7 75	6 85
34	Houlton	Rev. Z. Crowell	July 1, 1878	12	400	12	150	7	0	0	53	25	140	20 00	30 00
35	Industry	G. W. Reynolds	July 1, 1878	2¼	72	2¼	40	0	0	0	38	0	0	19 00	.....
	New Vineyard	J. Backus	June 1, 1879	1¼	20	1¼	60	0	0	0	...	...	...	24 00	.....
36	Isle au Haut	Rev. E. D. Osgood	July 1, 1878	3	96	3	50	2	0	0	12	20	35	16 50	.....
37	Jackson	Rev. A. N. Jones	July 1, 1878	12	150	9	100	0	2	0	77	40	50	12 00	.....
38	Jonesport	W. G. Shoppe	July 1, 1878	2¾	88	2¾	75	2	0	0	50	35	70	84 00	.....
39	Kittery	Rev. T. N. Lord	July 1, 1878	12	150	11	80	0	0	0	43	12	30	18 00	1 00
40	Limington	Rev. R. D. Osgood	July 1, 1878	12	100	10½	120	2	0	1	108	30	100	34 00	34 77
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	Sweden	.....	.....	..	....	..	40	0	0	0	42	...	30	14 16	.....
44	Madison	Rev. T. G. Mitchell	July 1, 1878	12	125	12	70	0	1	1	75	15	50	81 00	.....
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47	Medway	J. B. Carruthers	July 1, 1878	2¾	88	2¾	70	..	*no*	*ch*	...	...	...	.....	.....
		R. W. Jameson	June 8, 1879	1	16	1	....	..	..	..	...	...	...	.....	.....
48	Mechanic Falls	Rev. F. E. Emrich	July 1, 1878	12	150	12	125	6	7	11	55	25	85	14 50	32 40
	Poland	.....	.....	..	....	..	74	0	9	4	20	...	51	.....	.....
	Minot, West	.....	.....	..	....	..	70	0	0	0	20	...	...	.....	.....
49	Mercer	Rev. J. I. Jones	July 1, 1878	3	25	3	....	0	0	0	37	...	...	.....	.....
		F. G. Chutter	Oct. 1, 1878	9	50	9	....	..	..	..	...	...	...	.....	.....
50	Minot Centre	Preston B. Wing	July 1, 1878	2¾	88	2¾	100	0	8	0	116	60	50	88 68	.....
		J. B. Carruthers	June 8, 1879	1	16	1	....	..	..	..	...	...	...	.....	.....
51	Monmouth	A. Wiswall	July 1, 1878	2¾	88	2¾	100	0	0	0	43	30	50	60 00	.....
		C. E. Andrews	June 1, 1879	1	16	1	....	..	..	..	...	...	...	.....	.....
52	Monson	Rev. G. W. Jones	July 1, 1878	12	200	12	125	0	0	3	98	30	80	16 00	140 00
53	Naples	W. E. Archibald	June 8, 1879	1	16	1	....	..	..	..	...	...	...	.....	.....
54	Newfield, West	Rev. D. L. Jones	July 1, 1878	12	150	10	110	0	0	0	30	30	40	17 00	.....
	Parsonsfield	.....	.....	..	....	..	75	7	3	3	10	...	...	.....	.....
55	Northfield	W. Haynes	July 1, 1878	2¾	88	2¾	80	0	0	0	22	20	50	41 00	.....
		I. A. Loose	May 28 1879	1⅛	24	1⅛	....	..	..	..	...	...	...	.....	.....
56	Norway, 1st	G. Allchin	June 8, 1879	1	16	1	60	0	0	0	63	...	100	.....	.....
57	Oldtown	M. Blanchard	July 1, 1878	2¾	88	2¾	125	25	21	6	80	40	65	5 00	11 50
	Milford	Rev. C. L. Mills	Feb. 1, 1879	4	112	4	....	..	..	..	...	...	...	40 00	.....
58	Orrington, East	Rev. J. Edwards	July 1, 1878	12	200	10½	120	15	8	0	81	50	70	20 00	12 00
59	Oxford	Rev. G. A. Lockwood	July 1, 1878	12	175	10½	120	20	9	2	53	25	75	6 00	14 00

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60	Pembroke	Rev. S. L. Vincent	Oct .1, 1878	9	150	9	75	0	1	8	18	15	49	12 00	.....
61	Perry	Rev. E. F. Davis	Oct. 1, 1878	9	150	9	120	9	7	0	51	40	50	.....	.....
62	Presque Isle and	Rev. A. Blanchard	.....	3	....	3	130	20	2	0	23	20	40	37 00	.....
	Maysville	Rev. C. E. Stowe	Jan. 1, 1879	6	200	4½	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....
63	Princeton	C. S. Sargent	July 1, 1878	2¾	88	2¾	98	0	11	0	64	67	100	77 00	.....
	Waite	E. C. Oakley	May28 1879	1½	25	1½	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....
	Topsfield	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....
64	Rangely	Rev. J. B. Wheelwright	Oct. 1, 1878	8	164	8	...	..	*no*	*ch*	..	..	..	.....	.....
65	Robbinston	C. H. Ricketts	July 1, 1878	3¾	120	3¾	100	0	0	0	85	30	40	71 29	12 59
	Red Beach	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	37 60	.....
66	Rumford	Rev. J. Elliot	July 1, 1878	12	150	9	100	0	0	0	28	16	24	5 00	.....
67	Sanford	H. J. Stone	July 1, 1878	12	150	12	90	1	0	0	44	10	90	5 00	.....
	So. Sanford	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....
68	Sherman	Rev. W. A. Merrill	July 1, 1878	12	350	12	110	50	13	1	100	25	260	10 00	11 25
	Island Falls	.....	.....	....	....	....	55	0	1	3	16	...	Six Sch'le	.....	.....
69	Solon	Rev. J. W. Brownville	July 1, 1878	12	275	12	63	0	0	0	33	16	55	18 38	.....
	Athens	.....	.....	....	....	....	100	0	2	0	40	...	100	6 50	.....
	No. New Portland	.....	.....	....	....	....	60	0	0	0	13	...	55	13 00	.....
70	Somesville	Rev. J. P. Stinchfield	July 1, 1878	12	200	6	....	0	2	0	21	...	40	.....	.....
	Tremont	Rev. A. Redlon	.....	..	....	4	....	..	..	..	82	...	100	5 27	.....
		Rev. A. N. Jones	.....	..	....	11	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....
71	Springfield and Carroll	S. Smith	July 1, 1878	2¾	88	2¾	70	0	0	0	14	0	0	.....	.....
72	Standish	Rev. J. P. Trowbridge	July 1, 1878	12	150	12	60	1	0	1	37	15	58	16 00	28 00
73	Stow and Chatham	Rev. I. H. Libby	July 1, 1878	12	100	12	72	12	5	2	45	15	40	5 00	5 00
74	Strong	Rev. J. L. Pratt	July 1, 1878	12	150	12	100	4	0	0	94	12	110	5 25	15 00
75	Stillwater	Rev. A. J. McGown	Jan. 1, 1879	1¼	25	1¼	80	0	1	0	15	Usf'n	30	2 00	.....
76	Sumner	F. A. Thayer	July 1, 1878	2¾	88	2¾	80	0	0	0	57	25	75	71 50	.....
77	Temple	R. M. Peacock	July 1, 1878	12	200	12	70	0	0	0	70	15	100	27 00	.....
78	Turner	Rev. E. S. Tingley	July 1, 1878	12	125	12	109	2	3	3	108	30	98	23 17	23 07
79	Union	Rev. F. V. Norcross	July 1, 1878	12	150	12	125	1	4	1	86	48	150	27 00	11 00
80	Vassalboro, Riverside	S. A. Burnaby	July 1, 1878	2¾	88	2¾	90	0	0	0	12	...	50	8 00	.....

TABULAR VIEW, Continued.

No.	CHURCHES.	MISSIONARIES.	DATE OF COMMISSION.	Length.	Appropriations.	Months of Labor.	Congregations.	Conversions.	ADDED. Profession.	ADDED. Letter.	Membership.	Prayer Meeting.	Sabbath School.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Maine Missionary Society.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Other Objects.
81	Warren	Rev. L. Goodrich	July 1, 1878	2	33⅓	2	140	..	..	..	176	...	...	6 65	.....
82	Weld	Rev. J. G. Wilson	Oct. 1, 1878	9	125	9	50	0	0	0	43	15	54	38 50	13 75
83	West Portland	Rev. J. F. Morgan	July 1, 1878	12	200	12	150	1	0	0	65	20	150	.....	10 00
84	Whiting	Rev. J. I. Jones	June 8, 1879	1	16	1	100	4	0	0	27	25	55	.....	10 00
85	Wilton	Rev. U. W. Small	July 1, 1878	12	150	12	75	0	0	0	84	15	...	38 90	46 17
86	Windham	Rev. L. Wiswall	July 1, 1878	12	75	12	75	2	3	3	60	25	30	30 00	.....
87	Woolwich	Rev. H. O. Thayer	July 1, 1878	12	100	12	140	57	13	1	88	30	116	34 00	34 00
88	York, 2d	Rev. J. Freeman	July 1, 1878	12	150	12	75	1	0	0	46	20	64	14 00	9 81
	State Missionary	Rev. A. Blanchard	July 1, 1878	12	1200	12	....	..	..	..	...	...	...	.....	.....
						602⅔ yrs.	8,507	385	275	94	4,869	1,882	5,850	2,435.13	967.53

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REMARKS.

1. ABBOT. Mr. Redlon, who was instrumental in organizing this church, and in building the house of worship there, is now engaged in soliciting funds for the Hallowell Classical School. The pulpit has been supplied from Bangor Seminary for the last eight months.

6. AMHERST AND AURORA. There has been some advance during the year. The church mourns the sudden death of Mrs. Silsby, (a mother in Israel,) who served as deaconess and scribe for several years.

7. ANDOVER. The pastor speaks of encouragements and discouragements. There is no great gain in membership, and only persevering effort can insure success.

8. AUBURN, 6th ST. This mission effects Lewiston as well as Auburn. Friends in both cities have helped them in the past, and are interested for the church. Eight conversions and twelve additions are reported.—

9. BALDWIN. There has been constant advance here. The report gives six conversions and seventeen additions during the year. In two years the church has gone from three resident members to forty-two. Three hundred dollars of church debt has been paid, and a parsonage comes next. Mr. Wickett is called to the Pownal and Durham churches, and Mr. Peacock takes the place here.

10. BANGOR WEST. This is a very hopeful mission, and Mr. Greene has worked it for the last year with the faithfulness of a pastor. It has been aided only in vacation time.

11. BENTON. At no point has there been better growth than here. A religious interest attended the labors of Mr. Wiswall during the winter, and twenty-five have been added to the church, which just doubles the membership, and makes it very efficient. A pastor is needed and the people look to Mr. Wiswall as the man.

12. BIDDEFORD FIRST. Mr. Freeman has done faithful work during the past year, and his influence has been wholly for good. He says, "the leaven of the gospel has entered many hearts which have not shown an outward manifestation. Can the services be continued, I firmly believe a better report may be given next year." It is important that he be sustained.

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13. BINGHAM. Mr. Thompson was ordained a few months since, but he has left the field and goes to Iowa. This church should be coupled with Solon. Neither can go strongly alone, and a vigorous man can work the two successfully.

15. BROWNFIELD. The pastor speaks of loss of help in support, and the application asks for an increase of aid for the coming year.

16. BURLINGTON. The people are building a house of worship, but the work moves slowly. It seems unfortunate that it should be called a union-house when there is none but a congregational church in the vicinity, and it must be built almost entirely by funds coming from congregational families.

17. CARIBOU. This is an important and interesting field, at the terminus of a railroad, and promises considerable growth. Congregational families are moving in with others, and the little church should be sustained for their sake. Arrangements should be made for this place at once.

18. DEDHAM: unites with Holden and will be supplied by Mr. Crane. This is right.

19. DENMARK: has built a meeting-house. Mr. Shelton, from Yale Seminary, supplies for the summer. "The Sunday-school is more than doubled; the congregation fills the house; prayer-meetings are largely attended, and harmony prevails."

21. DEXTER. The faithful, and hopeful, and determined few are struggling to build the house of worship they have undertaken, and they need the sympathy and support of all the churches. No sudden results in growth can be expected. It will require long and persevering effort to build a strong church here.

22. EASTPORT. Things are encouraging, and Mr. Kelley is doing good service. There have been six additions to the church, and $418.00 were expended for repairs upon the meeting-house.

23. EDGECOMB: has begun to build, and is not able to finish. The house stands where it did last year, beautiful without, but unfurnished within. With commendable zeal, the ladies have gathered the most that has been expended thus far, and they are trying now for the balance necessary. They need encouragement, and it is desirable that this object should be remembered by those disposed to give in this direction, and especially by the neighboring churches to whom the history of this ancient church is known. It is worthy of sympathy, and is commended to your charities.

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The pastor is faithful and laborious. He cares well for several outposts, and holds the whole circuit in hand.

24. ELLIOT. This lapsed church has been put under pastoral care again, and Rev. D. L. Hibbard has been supplying satisfactorily for the last nine months. There is ability here, if confidence can be restored, and harmony can prevail.

25. FARMINGTON FALLS. The report says, a neat chapel will be finished soon. Otherwise no marked advance has been made.

26. FORT FAIRFIELD. A disastrous fire has crippled the resources of the church considerably, which renders the continuance of missionary aid to the full amount. There is a good degree of interest in the ordinary religious work, and the field is hopeful.

27. FRANKFORT: should be supplied from Winterport. One man can do the work of both churches.

28. FREEDOM: needs a pastor. Until the people are aroused to secure one, no great advance can come. Mr. Rackliff of Bangor Seminary will supply during the vacation.

29. GARLAND. All moves on as usual. Two conversions and nine additions are reported.

32. GREENVILLE: is thoroughly cultivated by pastor Davison. Four conversions and two additions are noted. The $212 of contributions for benevolent purposes, with the $368, for the previous year, indicate that the pastor thinks a missionary church should be trained to give. There is hope for this church!

33. HARRISON. There has been improvement on the meeting-house. Resources are somewhat crippled, and the church is reported as financially weak. Four conversions, and one addition are noticed.

34. HOULTON: has now a commodious house of worship in the heart of the town. It has been finished this year, at a cost of $4,500, counting the lot. There is no debt upon it, and it is owned by the church. The pews are rented for the support of preaching. This reduces the amount of aid asked from the Society. The pastor says: "We have taken a long stride ahead in financial matters, and are able to relieve the Missionary Society to some extent. If the pews rent as well next year as they have this, I hope we shall be able to help ourselves still further. The congregation and Sunday-school are increasing. Through the kindness of F. K. Swan, Esq., of Portland, the library has been replenished. Upon the whole, we have everything to encourage us. Letter B. Plantation, where I have held meetings for the past few months, is an encouraging field. I have been stirring them up to build a school-house, and

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as soon as the planting is over they are going to build. *Five* of the seven conversions reported are the fruits of meetings in that settlement."

37. JACKSON. The pastor of this church has been dismissed at his own request, and he is now laboring at Mt. Desert. Jackson should have a pastor at once, as much for the sake of Dixmont and Monroe, as for itself.

38. JONESPORT. It is expected that Mr. Chapin of the late graduating class at the Bangor Seminary will supply here for a year.

39. KITTERY: is well supplied by Rev. Thomas Lord. Much needed improvements have been made upon the house of worship.

40. LIMINGTON. The pastor has resigned and is now preaching at Lyndon, Vt.

41. LINCOLN. There has been a good degree of interest in the religious services during the whole year. By the use of the weekly envelopes they have helped towards the support of preaching more than the most sanguine had hoped. For the present, Mr. De Long, a graduate of Yale Seminary, is supplying.

42. LITCHFIELD is still under the care of the venerable and still vigorous pastor Hawes. The people ask for his continuance.

43. LOVELL AND SWEDEN. Rev. L. Goodrich is now supplying these two churches at three preaching stations.

44 MADISON: is still prosperous under her well kept pastor.

45. MACHIASPORT. This place has been wonderfully blessed. The revival interest has continued through the year. Fifteen conversions are reported, and twenty-seven have been received to the church by profession.

47. MEDWAY. There is no church here, yet the people show that they have some desire for the means of grace by their pledging two dollars a week and the board of the man. Two years ago they paid *seven dollars* besides board for the fifteen weeks, and last year the society was left to pay the whole amount of commission.

48. MECHANIC FALLS, MINOT WEST AND POLAND. There have been eighteen added to the church at Mechanic Falls, and thirteen to the Poland church.

49. MERCER. The people are interested in Mr. Chutter, who has supplied one-half of the time since Mr. Jones left. He is engaged for the next year.

51. MONMOUTH: needs a pastor, and hopes to secure one very soon.

52. MONSON. The pastor has been called to deep affliction. The people seem united and harmonious.

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54. West Newfield and Parsonsfield. Rev. D. L. Jones supplied for a year, and the people were urgent for him to remain, but he chose to leave, and is now at Limerick. The church edifice has been painted and frescoed, and much improved. It is hoped that Rev. J. Edwards will settle there.

57. Oldtown. During the winter there was a refreshing revival, which resulted in twenty-five conversions, and twenty-seven additions. Rev. C. L. Mills, so well known in the western part of the State, did good service here for four months, in instructing and gathering in the converts. A pastor who will be willing to do solid and continuous work, and who can lead them to better things, is now needed. Milford, across the river, is supplied from Oldtown, Sabbath afternoon.

58. East Orrington. The pastor has resigned, that the way may be opened for a union with Brewer Village, which will save $200 to the Maine Missionary Society. Let there be more of this spirit, and we shall know the men to place again without delay. Mr. Edwards reports fifteen conversions, and eight additions.

59. Oxford. After a ministry of nine years, the pastor has closed his labors, and is now supplying the Kennebunk church. He reports twenty conversions, and eleven additions, mostly from the eastern part of the town.

60. Pembroke. The church is revived, a pastor has been ordained, and good results begin to follow.

61. Perry. This church, so long without a pastor, has been well supplied by Mr. Davis, who reports nine conversions, and seven additions. The people regret that Mr. Davis should feel compelled to resign so soon after his ordination. His place should be filled at once.

62. Presque Isle. The grand report that was to be made cannot be made in full. General Missionary Blanchard did good work for three months, in preparing the way, and all seemed providentially settled for a permanent ministry. But human plans and resolutions are mutable, and expectations are often cut off. Yet the field is not to be surrendered so. Doubtless all will work together for good, as the work was faithful and abundant. Twenty conversions and two additions are reported since Christmas.

63. Princeton and Waite. Mr. Oakley, a late graduate of Yale Seminary, is engaged to supply for a year, and we hope something more permanent will follow. Eleven additions are reported. A bell has been hung in the tower of the chapel. There is light from the East!

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64. Rangeley. This new point has been developed since September last. After exploring the field it was deemed advisable to send Rev. J. B. Wheelwright there for two months. At the end of this time, such was the desire for his return, and so much was pledged for his support, he has been continued until now. His work has been largely missionary work, from house to house, and with individuals, though there has been no lack at the preaching services. It is important to hold this point, as an advance post in this newly developed region; and good fruit will ripen here to the glory of God.

65. Robbinston and Red Beach. There ought to be stated preaching at these places. There is ample room for advance, and a grand field in which to work. There has been a candidate on the ground for a few weeks, but he will not tarry.

66. Rumford. This church feels very weak since the death of its venerable pastor. There is no report.

67. Sanford and So. Sanford. The meeting-house at Sanford was burned last summer. A new house is nearly ready for dedication. But little progress is reported, except in the direction of building.

68. Sherman and Island Falls. The report from this circuit is very encouraging; fifty or more conversions, and eighteen additions. At Island Falls several prominent men have taken a decided stand for Christ, and will in due time add strength to the church. There are 260 members connected with six Sunday-schools. A small bell has been hung in the tower of the Sherman meeting-house, the parsonage has been painted, and several young men and women are desirous for a more thorough education, and if possible, for a college course. The pastor has reason to be encouraged.

69. Solon, Athens and No. New Portland. These places have been supplied by Rev. J. W. Brownville. This is not a profitable union for the best results. To the out stations it is simply a Sabbath supply once a month. No marked progress is reported.

72. Standish. The pastor has taken $100 from his salary of $750. The same amount is asked from the Society.

73. Stow and Chatham. Twelve conversions and seven additions are reported. Besides the center, two out stations are supplied, Cold-river, and No. Fryeburg. The New Hampshire Home Missionary Society helps in part.

74. Strong: reports herself as *still weak*, yet striving to "Hold fast that they have." Discouragements prevailed at the beginning of the year;

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but prospects brighten somewhat at its close. The coming railroad inspires hope.

78. TURNER. The report speaks of two conversions, and six additions, good feeling, and a desire for the continuance of the present supply.

79. UNION. Pastor Norcross is still at his post, doing the people good, as he always has done. He extends his labors to Appleton, where he holds afternoon service.

81. WARREN. Rev. J. E. Pond has been installed pastor, and the church is self-supporting again.

82. WELD. Rev. J. G. Wilson has worked faithfully here for nine months. Missionary concerts have been sustained, and contributions have been made to most of the benevolent societies.

83. WEST PORTLAND: has felt the pressure of the times, and has been obliged to call for aid again.

84. WHITING. Mr. Jones finds the church in very good condition, united in the bonds of love, and desirous of doing good. One hundred and fifty dollars have been expended upon the church property.

85. WILTON. The pastor has supplied at East Wilton in the afternoon, for three Sabbaths out of four, with an audience two-fifths larger than the morning audience at home.

86. WINDHAM. The pastor reports some progress, two conversions, and six additions. He preaches away from the Center Sabbath afternoon. At North Windham, the most growing village, a meeting-house was built about eight years ago, "free both pulpit and pews." The pastor is there on alternate Sabbaths. As many as six denominations occupy it for the balance of the time.

87. WOOLWICH: has been revived, fifty-seven are reported as converts, fourteen have been received to the church, and more are to come in July. "In spite of surface work, some are getting instructed, and all things are working favorably and hopefully."

THE STATE MISSIONARY.

Rev. Addison Blanchard has prosecuted this work vigorously and faithfully during the whole year, and how successfully may be judged by his report, which is as follows:

"Number of places labored in more than one week, seven; other fields visited and labored in one week or less, fifteen; places not missionary fields, fourteen; whole number of places, thirty-six: number of sermons

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preached, 230; other services, 159; total services held, 389 number baptized by immersion, forty-four; number baptized by sprinkling, forty-eight; total baptisms, ninety-two; number received to churches by profession of faith, ninety-seven; amount paid toward the support of missions, $305.00.

As suggested last year, the policy has been to labor in each place a sufficient length of time to accomplish some permanent good. Most of the time, therefore, has been spent at a few points, though many other fields have been incidentally reached and helped in passing.

The places in which most labor has been expended are Presque Isle, Maysville, Machiasport, Brewer Village, with three weeks at Oxford, two weeks at Denmark, and two weeks at Oldtown to close the year.

The first place visited was Machiasport, where an interesting work of grace was in progress, the spirit of which still continues. July and August were spent there, and on September 1st twenty persons of adult age, ten men and ten women, were received to the church. No stated preaching had been enjoyed in the interval.

During the summer, Cherryfield was visited with Rev. Dr. Tenney of Ellsworth, and eighteen, mostly heads of families, were received to the church. At Whitneyville five were received to the church. Jonesport was visited subsequent to the labors of the Y. M. C. A. from Portland.

During September a call was made to visit Rangely, an entirely new field for the Maine Missionary Society. A minister was afterwards sent there. October, November, December, and the first days of the new year, were spent in Aroostook county, mostly at Presque Isle and Maysville. It was hoped that this important place was to be manned again, and that the church would become a leader in the county. An interesting revival in the Maysville part of this field added to the hopefulness of the prospect. A minister was sent providentially, and could he have been induced to continue there, no doubt a good and permanent work might have been accomplished.

Returning from Aroostook three weeks were spent in Brewer Village. An interesting work of grace, already begun before the visit of the missionary, resulted in the conversion of many of the young people. This place was visited in March for two Sabbaths, and thirty-three were received to the church on profession of their faith. The place was visited also in June, and four were baptized.

One week in February was spent at Lower Biddeford, with results not very apparent. One week or more was spent in visiting, with the secretary, the churches of York county, presenting the cause of the

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Maine Missionary Society. Three weeks were spent in Oxford. The church was quickened; but the hoped for results in conversions were not fully realized.

One week was spent in Bangor, the expense of which was fully met by the 1st Parish church.

The missionary work in Lincoln was unavoidably interrupted, and only one week was spent there.

A part of two weeks was spent at Denmark. The almost impassable state of the roads prevented large gatherings, but it is hoped the way, in a measure, was prepared for the work of the summer under another.

The last weeks of the year have been spent in Oldtown, simply continuing for a little the work so well commenced, and so admirably carried forward by Rev. Mr. Mills. Two persons were received to the church, June 22nd, making twenty-nine since the new year."

These notes and figures indicate only the apparent results which have attended the abundant and faithful labors of the general missionary for the year. Eternity alone can reveal the joy with the angels over souls redeemed; some of them "plucked as brands from the burning," and many of them prepared to be workers in the Master's vineyard, themselves to be instruments for the salvation of others, and for the enlargement of the church. It is difficult to see how the work can go on prosperously without such agency and supervision as this. Indeed, it has been necessary to supplement virtually, by putting Rev. C. L. Mills at Oldtown for four months, and the Rev. A. Redlon at Mt. Desert for six months. No work has given a better return than that these co-laborers have accomplished. It remains with the churches to say whether the society shall have the means to prosecute this work.

SUMMARY OF THE WORK.

During the past year ninety-three missionaries have been employed for the whole or a part of the time. Fifty-five of these are ordained ministers, of whom fifteen are pastors, thirty-two are acting pastors, and eight have had short supplies. Thirty-eight licentiates and students have cared for the places usually supplied thus. These ninety-three men have labored in one hundred and thirteen different fields; have performed sixty years of labor; have preached the word to an average of 8,507 hearers each Sabbath, and have gathered under Sunday-school instruction, 5,850 children and adults. Thirty-six of the missionaries remained

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at their post for the twelve months, twenty-two served from five to eleven months each, and thirty-five each for four months or less. The number of hopeful conversions reported is 385. The additions by profession of faith have been 275, and by letter, 94, making a total of 369. The membership of the aided churches is 4,869. Four young men, two from Yale Seminary and two from Bangor, have been ordained.

The average grant made to the churches supplied for the year is $174.00, and the average salary of pastors is $602.00.

The aided churches have contributed $2,435 to the Maine Missionary Society, $1,100 of which was paid on commission of students, and $967.53 for other objects. At Sanford, a house of worship has been built in place of the one burned last summer. Two have been rebuilt and made good as new, four are in the process of building and should be finished the next year, and several have been repaired, or repainted.

All these external marks of vigor and activity have been accompanied by corresponding vigor and activity in the spiritual direction, and there is reason to praise God for the manifest tokens of His mercy.

TREASURY.

The report of the Treasurer has already been given. During the current year $12,686.45 have been appropriated to the churches and for the salary of the general missionary. The churches of Maine have contributed for the payment of this and the Secretary's salary, $7,980.54, $1,100 of which was actually paid directly to the students. This reduces the amount to $6,880.54, or about one-half what was pledged by the Trustees, in full confidence that their pledges would be redeemed. But for our Sandwich Island friend, who, by his annual $300 or $400 a year, is a standing rebuke to our home givers, and $3,325.47 of legacies, and $782.64 as a balance from the income of the permanent fund after paying pledges, the Society would be in sad distress.

Our discouragements appear on the financial side. The question suggests itself, What can be done to increase the interest of the churches in the work of the society so as to secure larger contributions? Unless there can be tolerable certainty that the treasury can be supplied as it may need, the Trustees can have little heart to pledge even necessary aid. It may be thought expedient to make appropriations conditional upon the state of the treasury.

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But somehow the churches must have confidence in the administration of the society. The work done should be so decidedly demanded, and so completely guarded, and so earnestly progressive, and so fully reported, that there shall be even ardent enthusiasm to push it to success.

The feeble churches must be aided, especially the newer ones, and those that show vitality, and are sending forth recruits to the strong, and good men and women into the wide world. Most of these missionary churches do this. One report utters such words as these, viz: "I suppose it is a blessed thing to be constantly giving our treasures to the West; but the parting is with tears. I wish the large churches would remember that we give a thousand fold as much as ever comes back to us from the missionary society. Give us back the treasures this church has sent forth since ten years and we will not ask a single mill of aid after to-night."

Perhaps a few of the aided churches may be styled feeders upon the charities of others. "Pity 'tis, 'tis true." But without discriminating closely, it is sufficient to say, that there is need of careful consideration in deciding where aid should be granted properly.

Above all the real missionary work, under the devoted missionary as an evangelist, should have the first claim. The watchword should be, To *the front!* till there is no more new territory in Maine to be occupied. The sons and daughters of the church should be followed by the privileges of the church. Then they will prove a lever by which the families mingling with them may be moved and saved. We cannot throw off the obligation in this direction. We believe that Congregationalism is peculiarly adapted to pioneer work. It knows how to be first at foundations. Ready for every good work, facile in adaptations, and democratic in polity; let it be present as a formative power, touching social life at every point, and holding firm grasp upon law and order, education, morals, and religion. Let our missionaries have influence, and where they lead you will soon see the marks of improvement on the surface of the soil—in utilizing the resources at hand, in dotting the landscape with comfortable and often beautiful dwellings, in rearing the meeting house, and school house, and every needed structure. We do not deny that others can do this. Christianity under whatever name can do it; but we dare aver that Congregationalism is competent to carry any community to the highest success. It can be trusted, it should be pushed to the front and kept in charge of the work.

The older churches must release the missionary society for this work; and they can do it gradually. Will they not plan for this? Let two

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missionary churches, now fifty or sixty years old, which have been helped separately almost as long, unite under one pastor, as self-supporting, and perhaps $350 are released at once. That it can be done is plain, when it is noted that one raises $650.00 and the other $450.00 easily each year. Why not continue this amount, and enable a strong man with a good salary to do the work?

Here is a church faintly trying to be self-supporting, and an aided church three miles away and tolerably vigorous with the help. Why not unite these with a service at each place, each Sabbath, and so save $200? In such cases the exigencies of the work will demand that the society withdraw aid and demand a trial of the scheme. They will come to it, if it be put as the only alternative.

Another way is open to relieve the missionary society from its burden. Let a very strong church permit or urge its pastor to go two or three miles each Sabbath and hold a service for a little church that otherwise must be aided more or less. It may thus become an adjunct to the strong church, and prove a help rather than a burden.

As often as these things have been suggested, they have not been considered favorably. Yet, other denominations evangelical and non-evangelical, are entering into this arrangement, the minister preaching morning, afternoon, and evening, either of the three stations being more than a Sabbath day's journey from the others.

The whole matter of contributions and of appropriations needs to be thoroughly considered by trustees, pastors, and people. If they will do so in earnest we shall hear no more of debt, or of destitute churches, but more of new churches established every year. One has suggested that every pastor should consider himself an agent of the Maine Missionary Society.

CREDIT OF CONTRIBUTIONS.

There has been some misunderstanding in regard to the credit of contributions to the churches. It has been the custom to commission students for a certain time, draw upon the treasury for the amount, and credit what the people pay, as if contributed. A commission is given for $120. The people pay $100. The Society really pays $20.00, while it seems to pay $120; and the church aided really makes no contribution, while it seems to contribute $100. A self-supporting church which does well to give $50.00 a year, asks how it is that this aided church can give

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more than the stronger. This will be remedied in the accounts after the present year; but it will lessen the apparent receipts by several hundred dollars, while it will show just what the churches of Maine are doing for Home Missions.

THE MEN FOR THE WORK.

Let it be understood in the outset, that no reflections are cast upon the noble workers now in the field. Were they not living, many of them might be lauded for their mighty deeds—for no church work is like that of lifting a community as many have been lifted in these last years. Still it cannot be denied that success in church building depends largely upon the man who leads. And so he needs to be "a man of God thoroughly furnished unto every good work," of great good common sense. A novice—or a self-seeker—or a lazy man—or a doubter—or one unstable in any way, can do little good—may do much harm. A good sensible farmer writes as to the man desired for his community: "We want him to know what he believes, and know it certain, or want him to think he knows it, so he can honestly preach it; then he will be respected."

The men of the world need and demand solid teachers and pastors, men of ability, and men of purpose, and men they can trust anywhere. Some of our every day business men at the out stations, can read a man through and through in less than a month, and they will treat him according to their estimate of him.

There is constant need of recruits; and where are they to be found? There are men enough, but where shall we look for *the* men for the general work? It is evident to those who are best acquainted with our people and churches, that the larger part must be *Maine men.* They must be reared in Maine, educated in Maine, consecrated to Maine, kept in Maine. They must be sought out by these pastors—given by these parents—directed to the work, and assisted in their studies. The Classical School must be open to them for its cheapness, as well as for its superior excellence—and that must come by the endowment which must not fail now. The College must attract and hold them, as it is prepared to do, and will be glad to do, and can do all the better, as it is more completely endowed. The Theological Seminary must attract, for its superior adaptedness, to fit them for any field, and especially for the hard fields of Maine. And it is claimed that she can do what she has done.

We venture to assert, that men who will make their mark—strong men—

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can be put into our missionary churches, only as they can be educated here, and be induced to give the freshness of their ministerial life to their own State. The wealthy churches can draw *their* men from anywhere, and men of the first rank in ability and culture, and who will make their influence felt throughout the State. But who of them will go into the Aroostook, and stay there? Who can ask them to do this? On the other hand, let Maine men with thorough training begin their ministry in these churches, no matter how small, in due time they may be called to the larger places, or even to churches under the very eaves of the strongest universities, or into their professional chairs. Maine does not enjoy much the sentiment which we fear is somewhat prevalent abroad, that any thing will do down here, especially for the work of our missions. If the men must come fresh from the church, rather than from College or the Seminary, Maine prefers to ordain her own deacons. Then she will know her men, and they will know their field.

Here is a work for the churches and for the friends of Home Missions. There are young men who are longing for just this preparation. Some of those already in our Theological Seminary feel the lack of better training, and mourn that they have not the means to leave at once for the college. Almost every year this is done. A pastor, a father, says of his son, he is looking longingly toward a liberal education, but neither he nor I can see the light in this direction. There are those who can understand the feelings of that father and his son! The struggling of past years enables them to sympathize fully; and were it possible, most hearty and substantial would the response be. This son would have his heart's desire.

HOUSES OF WORSHIP.

Proper accommodations for worship are both desirable and necessary for the best development of any church. So far as it can be secured, the meeting-house should be commodious and tasteful. No doubt cases present themselves when it is prudent to look forward, and build better than the present need would require. And there are circumstances under which it is right for a church to send abroad and solicit aid from stronger churches, and when it is the duty of others to help on such projects.

But it is painful to notice that very bad judgment has been exercised in many cases. We can name several such, where fine structures with

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tall spires, are to-day unoccupied, and are going to decay. The money of the people, and of the Congregational Union, seems to be worse than wasted. It is suggested that the convenient hall, or modest chapel is sufficient, and is better for church development, and for doing good, till this shall become too straight for worship. When the people are able, they will rise and build, and contributing the larger part themselves, they will be interested in all that pertains thereto. We could name such a hall, which is fitted for two hundred sittings, at a cost of about $300. The people did this when they could not think of building a meeting-house. And as much progress is marked here, as where the few interested ones have overtaxed themselves, in addition to the reluctant help from abroad. Indeed there are families that always feel shut out when the more stately form of worship is entered upon. It is useless to force the law of growth; the parts must develop proportionately. It will take more than a meeting-house to build up a congregational church.

We know it is difficult to decide what are the proper conditions which may justify the soliciting of help. Might there not be a building committee which could consider each case upon its merit, and recommend, or not, so that those pressed to give might have a tolerable assurance at least, that their money is really needed.

We shall be understood in this matter, when we say the object is not to check enthusiasm in proper cases, some of which are now before us, but to check any doubtful call that may be presented.

THE FUTURE.

The work of Home Missions, or Home Evangelization, is not yet accomplished for Maine; rather it grows in importance, and calls for the continued help of the churches. New settlements are now made under different circumstances than in the olden time. The fathers were of the genuine New England type, and regarded the means of grace as of the first importance. With the husbandman and mechanic, came the schoolmaster, the physician, and the minister. One of the first efforts was to put the meeting-house in a central position for the township, to take up the ministerial lot, and clear it, and build a dwelling-house thereon. The minister was settled for life, and what he did receive came from the common treasury. To this, their Zion, the parents and children walked for miles, that they might spend the whole day in the sanctuary. Those who would walk, could have the gospel; and they did have it! At the

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present it is not so. Families are scattered all over the sparsely settled regions, intent upon their clearings, or their gains; with little thought or care for the gospel till it is brought to them; with little desire for a minister till he is sent; with little interest to have a meeting-house till it is proposed that funds can be secured largely from abroad. True it is thoughtlessness, rather than willful neglect—the evidence of hearts intent upon this life, and of minds satisfied with the present, if not absorbed in earthly treasures.

The question comes to us, shall these be left to themselves? Is there no obligation upon us to try to save those who have heard the gospel, but are in danger of lapsing into heathenism? Is not prevention better than cure? Will they not be better citizens as Christians? It is not a difficult thing to reach these careless communities. They can be interested, and moved, and saved. The right man has only to go among them, and interest himself in them, and preach to them the truth, and they will flock around him in scores, and permit themselves to be moulded by him. Their very isolation is favorable to the welcome of Christian sympathy—to an interest in Sabbath services—to the development of Christian character—and to the training of men and women for self-denial, and for the toil of responsible position. Especially the children of the destitute regions cry to these churches to give them what their parents do not feel to be necessary to secure for them.

Shall this work cease? How can those who enjoy and love the sanctuary and the means of grace, look on and see their own friends and kinsmen slipping into such condition, and remain unmoved? Their utter indifference only cries most eloquently, 'Will you see your own people perish, while you weep over heathen nations, and pour out your treasures to save them from darkness?' It must not be! It will not be! Every Christian heart will yet be stirred to have a share in saving our representative New England State to the standard of the fathers in morals and religion, in education and culture, in every thing that distinguishes a Christian from an irreligious commonwealth.

Perhaps our business men never have thought that it may be their duty to carry their capital and business ability into some of these new and developing regions, not so much to accumulate wealth as to hold up the cross, and influence for good, and save the people, and establish and build up churches. You demand of the minister to sacrifice ambition, and pride, and comfort—and to show his consecration by spending his days in such places. Why may it not be your duty as well?

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But if this is not your duty you can give of your substance for this work. Each member of these churches can see that at least one dollar is consecrated annually to the Home Work. And you who are able, can give or pledge in the next hour, enough to free the Society from debt. At least say to the Trustees who are to be chosen to-day, *go forward*—you shall be sustained!

But amid all the discouragements, we contemplate the *crowning-day*, in the full expectation of meeting hundreds who will bless God for the Maine Missionary Society, and for its benign influence upon them and their families.

In closing we would impress three thoughts.

1st. There must be advance in the work. The policy of the Maine Missionary Society is that of vigorous advance. More work must be done because of the more urgent demand; and better work must be done, because of the better experience!

2d. Good men must be found who will consecrate themselves to this work, and fit themselves for it! What we need in young men looking forward to to the ministry is, "Soldiers of the cross, not soldiers of fortune:" first class men are needed everywhere in the missionary field—men of piety, men of character!

3d. There must be funds to carry on this work. In this we must not plead in vain! We *cannot* go on with the work without more prompt and liberal contributions! Let it be written upon your incomes whatever they may be, as is prophesied will be written upon the bells of the horses, "Holiness unto the Lord." Then will Zion put on her beautiful garments and arise and shine.

In behalf of the Trustees,

J. E. ADAMS, *Secretary.*

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting.

The Maine Missionary Society met in the Congregational Church, Winthrop, at 9 o'clock A. M., June 25, 1879.

The President, Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D., conducted the devotional exercises.

The annual sermon was preached by Rev. George R. Merrill, of Biddeford. Text: Mat. 23:8. A copy was requested for the press. The Treasurer's report was read by Dea. J. S. Wheelwright. On the motion of Rev. H. A. Loring, of Foxcroft, it was accepted and adopted, and it was voted to thank the Treasurer, Joshua Maxwell, Esq., for his faithful and gratuitous services. The report of the Trustees was read by the Secretary, Rev. J. E. Adams. On the motion of Rev. A. Blanchard, it was voted to accept the report, and that it be referred to a Committee of three, to be appointed by the President, and that the Conference be asked to add two to this committee, and give the evening, (Wednesday,) for the consideration of the report of said committee, and Revs. A. Blanchard, E. Y. Hincks, and E. Chase, were appointed.

Remarks were made by Revs. Blanchard, Baker, Hamlin, Torrey, Hincks, and Byington, and by Dea. J. S. Wheelwright. More than $500.00 was pledged to continue the State Missionary for another year.

A collection amounting to $58.27, was taken for the Maine Missionary Society.

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The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

PRESIDENT:

REV. JOHN O. FISKE, D. D.

VICE-PRESIDENT:

JOSEPH S. WHEELWRIGHT, ESQ.

CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY:

REV. JONATHAN E. ADAMS.

TREASURER:

JOSHUA MAXWELL, ESQ.

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Rev. JOHN O. FISKE, D. D.,
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Rev. H. F. HARDING,
Rev. P. B. THAYER,
Rev. L. L. PAINE, D. D.,
Rev. ALBERT COLE.
Rev. S. P. Fay,
Rev. W. H. FENN.
JOSEPH TITCOMB, ESQ.,
BARNABAS FREEMAN, ESQ.,
Rev. THOMAS G. MITCHELL,
Rev. JONA. E. ADAMS,
WM. E. GOULD, ESQ.,

AUDITORS:

GEO. F. THURSTON, ESQ., CHAS. M. PAYSON, ESQ.

The next annual meeting is to be held with the Congregational Church in Foxcroft and Dover, on the third Wednesday of June, 1880.

First preacher, Rev. E. Y. HINCKS, of Portland; alternate, Rev. E. CHASE, of Biddeford.

Adjourned.

Attest: J. E. ADAMS, *Recording Secretary.*

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TREASURER'S

Dr. JOSHUA MAXWELL IN ACCOUNT

1879.

June 21—To Balance in the Treasury, as settled June 20, 1878			$1639 33
" Income from permanent Fund as follows:			
" Dividend Casco Bank, $200 00: Canal Bank, $260 00		$460 00	
" " Man'f't " 80 00 Medomack, 12 00		92 00	
" " State " Boston, $30 00 do. $15 00 for previous year		45 00	
			$597 00
" P. S. & P. Railroad, $18 00; Bath City Coupons, $180 00		$198 00	
" Portland City Coupons, $60 00; Payson Memorial Church, $35 00		95 00	
" St. Louis Coupons, $60 00: Thornton Estate income, $49 00		109 00	
" Fifield Estate income, 139 64; Rev. J. E. Adams, preaching, $29 98		169 62	
" Sewall Fund income, 330 00		330 00	
" Caldwell note interest secured by mortgage		35 00	
			$936 62
LEGACIES.			
Late Mr. Kittridge, Mt. Desert		250 00	
" Mrs. Nancy Sanborn, Whitneyville, balance		20 47	
" Mrs. L. W. Maxwell, annual		6 00	
" Rev. Dr. Ellingwood, Bath		2000 00	
" Dea. Samuel Adams, Castine		1000 00	
			$3276 47
From Chur's, Collections, Donations, Life Memberships, Annuities, &c.		7980 54	
From a Friend, Sandwich Islands		300 00	$8280 54
Loan from Casco Bank			1963 77
			$16712 73

The Society is indebted for loans $2300 00
Also on April orders to Missionaries, 1200 00
And only $335 in the Treasury.

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REPORT.

WITH THE MAINE MISSSIONARY SOCIETY. Cr.

1879.			
June 21—By amount brought from page 11		$16305 00	
" Treasurer's account as per bill rendered		71 73	
" Balance		335 01	
			$16712 73
By paid Missionaries on Trustees' orders		$11098 01	
" " Rev. J. E. Adams		1575 67	
" " Rev. A. Blanchard		877 00	
" " Mrs. Sewall, income Sewall Fund		330 00	
" " Mrs. Narcissa S. Bourne, Sewall Fund		208 00	
" " Church Jackson and Brooks, income Abbott Fund		30 00	
" " Note Casco Bank		2000 00	
" " Printers' bill		98 69	
" " Barrows, for map State Maine		17 00	
" " Interest on note, Sewall Fund		63 00	
" " Treasurer's account		71 73	
" " Balance in Treasury		335 01	
" " Mirror bill		8 62	
			$16712 73
			$16712 73

Errors Excepted. J. MAXWELL, Treas'r.

PORTLAND, June 21, 1879.

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts, and find them properly vouched, and showing a balance in the Treasury of three hundred and thirty-five dollars and one cent $335.01.

GEO. F. THURSTON, Auditor.

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ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE.

Caribou	$60 00	Passadumkeag	0 00
Carroll and Springfield	0 00	Patten	0 00
Fort Fairfield	15 00	Presque Isle	37 00
Houlton	20 00	Sherman	5 50
Island Falls	0 00		
Lee	0 00		$137 50

Expended,.....$1,376.00.

CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE.

Baldwin and Sebago	$ 10 68	Portland, St. Lawrence	20 00
Cape Elizabeth—1st	0 00	" West	0 00
" " Ligonia	7 00	" Plymouth	92 20
Deering—1st	0 00	" Williston	20 00
" Woodford's	36 06	" Individuals	36 00
Falmouth 1st	15 00	Scarboro	30 00
" 2nd	0 00	Standish	16 00
Gorham	154 01	Westbrook, Saccarappa	0 00
Portland 2nd	28 50	" Warren Ch	0 00
" High Street	400 00	Windham	23 00
" 4th	0 00	Conference	20 00
" Bethel	0 00		
" State Street	608 04		$1.516 49

Expended,.....$625.00.

CUMBERLAND NORTH CONFERENCE.

Auburn, High Street	$165 28	Minot Centre	88 68
" 6th Street	5 00	Minot, West, and Hebron	0 00
" West	0 00	New Gloucester	70 00
Brunswick	92 14	North Yarmouth	10 75
Cumberland	18 00	Poland	0 00
Durham	0 00	Pownal	0 00
Freeport	18 00	Turner	23 17
" South	0 00	Yarmouth, First	117 17
Gray	0 00	Yarmouth, Central	70 00
Harpswell	2 00		
Lewiston	57 81		$752 50
Mechanic Falls	14 50		

Expended,.....$579.00.

FRANKLIN CONFERENCE.

Farmington 1st	$61 77	Strong	5 25
" Falls	5 00	Temple	12 00
Industry	19 00	Weld	38 50
New Sharon	0 00	Wilton	38 20
New Vineyard	24 00		
Phillips	0 00		$203 72

Expended,.....$981.00.

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HANCOCK CONFERENCE.

Amherst and Aurora	$ 21 32	Isle au Haut	16 50
Bluehill	19 00	Orland	30 00
Brooksville, West	0 00	Sedgwick and Brooksville	0 00
Bucksport	135 00	Sedgwick Village	0 00
Castine	60 00	Somesville	0 00
Deer Isle 1st	10 00	Tremont	5 27
" 2nd	0 00		
Ellsworth	0 00		$297 09

Expended,.....$521.00.

KENNEBEC CONFERENCE.

Augusta	$199 45	Richmond	1 04
Benton	0 00	Sidney	0 00
Clinton	0 00	Vassalboro, Riverside	8 00
Gardiner	43 15	Waterville	7 40
Hallowell	112 25	Winslow	25 00
Litchfield	17 00	Winthrop	59 00
Monmouth	60 00		
Pittston	0 00		$531 89

Expended,.....$458.00.

LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOC CONFERENCE.

Alna	$ 6 00	Rockland	35 14
Bath, Winter Street	426 44	Thomaston	11 60
" Central	80 00	Topsham	7 50
Boothbay 1st	9 00	Union	27 00
" 2nd	13 50	Waldoboro 1st	25 00
Bristol	0 00	" 2nd	0 00
Bremen	0 00	Warren 2nd	6 65
Edgecomb	11 00	Washington	0 00
Lisbon	2 00	Wiscasset	0 00
Newcastle 1st	11 00	Woolwich	20 00
" 2nd	0 00		
Phipsburg	20 00		$711 83

Expended,.....$483.33.

OXFORD CONFERENCE.

Andover	$ 7 69	Rumford	5 00
Bethel 1st	12 00	South Paris	20 00
" 2nd	10 00	Sumner	71 50
Dixfield	2 00	Upton	0 00
Gilead	0 00	Conference	19 50
Norway 1st	0 00		
" 2nd	0 00		$154 69
Oxford	7 00		

Expended,.....$519.62.

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PENOBSCOT CONFERENCE.

Bangor 1st	$238 22	Orono			27 37
" Hammond Street	239 63	Orrington, East			20 00
" Central	73 00	Upper Stillwater			2 00
Brewer 1st	108 81	Veazie			0 00
" Village	45 00	Conference			14 52
Burlington	60 00	Milford	No churches		40 00
Dedham	18 00	Alton			33 00
Dixmont and Plymouth	3 00	Glenburn			33 00
Hampden	48 63	E. Eddington			1 00
Holden	2 00	No. Bangor			10 00
Kenduskeag	0 00	West Bangor			45 00
Lincoln	68 50				
Oldtown	5 00				$1,135 68

Expended, $1,158.50.

PISCATAQUIS CONFERENCE.

Abbot	$0 00	Greenville	39 00
Atkinson	0 00	Monson	16 00
Blanchard	5 00	Sangerville	0 00
Brownville	8 10	Medford	13 72
Dexter	0 06	Conference	6 43
Foxcroft and Dover	46 83		
Garland	36 26		$171 34

Expended, $1,127.00.

SOMERSET CONFERENCE.

Anson	$37 00	Norridgewock	45 00
Athens	6 50	Skowhegan	25 00
Bingham	12 00	Solon	8 38
Madison	23 00	So. Solon	0 00
Madison, East	0 00	St. Albans	9 76
Mercer	8 00		
New Portland, No	13 00		$187 64

Expended, $650.00.

UNION CONFERENCE.

Albany	$108 00	Lovell	14 72
Bridgton	7 25	Naples	0 00
" North	16 00	Otisfield	9 50
" South	30 00	Stow and Chatham	5 00
Brownfield	17 00	Sweden	14 16
Casco	0 00	Waterford	0 00
Denmark	0 00	Waterford, North	0 00
Fryeburg	13 00	Conference	20 00
Harrison	7 25		
Hiram	3 12		$265 00

Expended, $644.00.

WALDO CONFERENCE.

Belfast 1st	$228 75	Searsport 1st	38 00
" No.	0 00	" 2nd	10 00
Camden, Elm Street	48 50	Winterport	0 00
Frankfort	60 00	Conference	5 82
Freedom	52 50	Thorndike	12 00
Jackson and Brooks	12 00		
Rockport	0 00		$467 57
Sandy Point	0 00		

Expended, $328.50.

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WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

Calais	$ 36 31	Pembroke	12 00
Cherryfield	12 00	Perry	0 00
Cooper	0 00	Princeton	77 00
Dennysville	34 00	Robbinston	66 00
Eastport	7 10	Topsfield	16 00
Jonesport	84 00	Whiting	0 00
Machias	91 03	Whitneysville	16 25
Machias, East	23 00	Waite	16 00
Machiasport	80 00	Red Beach	37 60
Marshfield	0 00	Conference	16 06
Milltown	0 00		
Northfield	41 00		$659 35

Expended,.....$775.00.

YORK CONFERENCE.

Acton	$ 37 34	Lyman	0 00
Alfred	24 23	Newfield, West	17 00
Biddeford 1st	8 00	Parsonsfield	0 00
" 2nd	25 00	Saco	0 00
" Pavilion	0 00	Sanford	4 37
Buxton, South	0 00	" South	0 00
" Centre	0 00	Shapleigh	0 00
Cornish	14 00	So. Berwick	53 00
Elliot	83 25	Wells 1st	45 38
Kennebunk, Union	56 20	" 2nd	12 00
Kennebunkport 1st	10 42	York 1st	31 50
" South	11 13	" 2nd	28 25
Kittery	0 00	Conference	26 00
Lebanon	0 00		
Limerick	0 00		$516 07
Limington	29 00		

Expended,.....$1,260.50.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A friend, Hawaii	$ 300 00
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SESSIONS AND OFFICERS.—Annual meeting on the Tuesday preceding the third Wednesday of June. The Moderator, Corresponding and Recording Secretary, are elected tri-ennially. A committee of arrangements; of nominations; of publication; and one from each local Conference to visit the Theological Seminary, Bangor, are provided by the Rules, and appointed annually.

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ROYAL M. COLE, Bangor, Hammond St., Ch., Bangor Sem., 1868.....Erzroom, Eastern Turkey
R. HENRY DAVIS, Hiram, Bangor Sem., 1871.....Kobe, Japan
AMERICUS FULLER, Hallowell Ch., Bangor Sem., 1862.....Aintab, Central Turkey
JOSEPH K. GREEN, Lewiston Ch., Union Sem., N. Y., 1858.....Constantinople, Turkey
JOSEPH P. GREEN, Bangor Central Ch., Bangor Sem., 1863....Honolulu, (Oahu) Sandwich Islands
JOHN D. PARIS, Bangor, Hammond St., Ch., Bangor Sem., 1839.....Kona, (Hawaii) S. Islands
JOHN E. PIERCE, Bangor, Central Ch., Bangor Sem., 1868.....Nicomedia, Eastern Turkey
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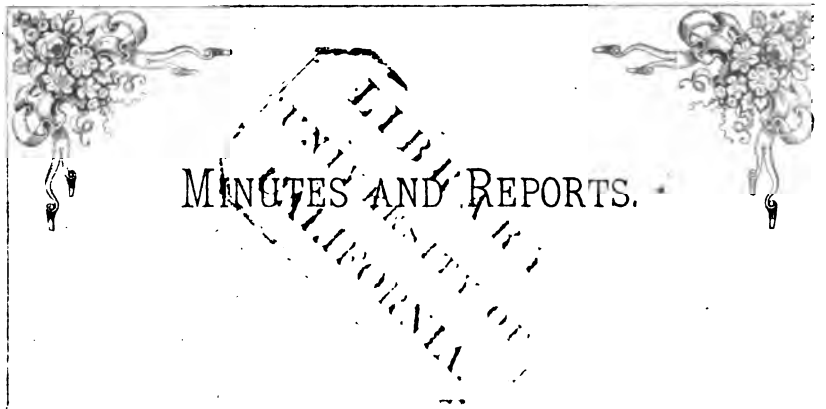

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Eighth Anniversary, June 15, 1881.

Woman's Maine Missionary Auxiliary.

First Anniversary, June 16, 1881.

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MINUTES OF 1880.

The Fifty-Fourth Annual Meeting of the GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES IN MAINE, was held with the Congregational Church of Foxcroft and Dover, commencing on Tuesday morning, June 15, at 9 o'clock.

The MODERATOR, William E. Gould, Esq., of Portland, called to order, and read Hymn 84, of the Sabbath Hymn and Tune Book, which was sung.

"Kindred in Christ for his dear sake,
A hearty welcome, now receive."—(*Anvern.*)

He also read the 122d Psalm.

Rev. Sewall Tenney, D. D., of Ellsworth, led in prayer.

The credentials of Delegates and members were called for.

Revs. Warren F. Bickford, of Winthrop, Frederic E. Shaw, of East Machias, and Arthur N. Ward, of Falmouth, were appointed to receive them, and report.

The Constitution and Rules of Conference, were read.

DELEGATES.

LOCAL CONFERENCES REPRESENTED.

AROOSTOOK.

Rev. William A. Merrill, Sherman.
Rev. Zenas Crowell, Houlton.
Rev. John B. Wheelwright, Fort Fairfield.

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Barnabas Freeman, Yarmouth.
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Rev. J. Loring Pratt, Strong.

HANCOCK.

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Rev. Albert N. Jones, Mt. Desert. Prof. Rolliston Woodbury, Castine.

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Rev. John Dinsmore, Winslow. Hon. Joshua Nye, Augusta.

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Rev. Charles H. Rope, Thomaston. Rev. Flavius V. Norcross, Union.
Rev. Nahum W. Grover, Topsham. George B. Kenniston, Boothbay.

OXFORD.

Rev. David Garland, Bethel. Rev. Stephen L. Bowler, Bethel.

PENOBSCOT.

Rev. S. Lewis B. Speare, Bangor. Dea. William P. Hubbard, Bangor.
Rev. Arthur G. Fitz, Hampden. Dea. Charles H. Stanley, Kenduskeag.

PISCATAQUIS.

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Rev. Charles Davison, Greenville, Samuel Copeland, Dexter.

SOMERSET.

Rev. Webster Woodbury, Skowhegan. Dea. James Bell, Skowhegan.
Rev. Thomas G. Mitchell, Madison. Dr. Mortimer Bodwell, Solon.

UNION.

Rev. Osgood W. Rogers, Bridgton. George W. Barrows, Fryeburg.

WALDO.

No Report.

WASHINGTON.

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Rev. Daniel Greene, Machias.

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MINISTER OF THE PLACE.—Rev. Herbert A. Loring.

PREACHER.—Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D., of Bath.

DELEGATE WHO FULFILLED HIS APPOINTMENT.—Rev. S. Lewis B. Speare, Bangor, to East Maine Methodist Conference, in Bangor, June, 1880.

REPRESENTATIVES.

BANGOR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.—Revs. Professors Levi L. Paine, D. D., John S. Sewall, D. D., and Cyrus Hamlin, D. D.

BOWDOIN COLLEGE, BRUNSWICK.—Professor George T. Ladd, A. M.

HALLOWELL CLASSICAL SCHOOL, AND SCIENTIFIC ACADEMY.—Rev. Almon W. Burr, A. M., Principal; Rev. Henry F. Harding, Secretary; Hon. Joshua Nye, Treasurer; Rev. Amos Redlon, Agent.

BENEVOLENT ORGANIZATIONS.

Rev. Edmund K. Alden, D. D., Boston, Mass.—*American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.*

Rev. Charles L. Woodworth, Boston.—*American Missionary Association.*

Rev. William B. Brown, D. D., New York.—*American Congregational Union.*

Rev. Francis Southworth, Portland.—*Seaman's Friend Society.*

DELEGATES FROM OTHER BODIES.

Rev. William H. Bowen, D. D., Lewiston, from the Free Baptist Yearly Meeting; Rev. William T. Jewell, Guilford, from the East Maine Methodist Conference; Rev. George E. Tufts, Dover, from the Baptist Missionary Convention.

A report from Rev. Herbert A. Loring, of Foxcroft, Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, as to the order of service, was read and adopted.

CHANGE OF TIME FOR ANNUAL MEETING.

Rev. Henry S. Huntington, of Gorham, of the Committee on this subject, (Minutes, 1879, p. 10,) reported in part. At a subsequent ses-

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sion, he reported that nine of the local conferences did not favor any change; one favored it; and from five, no report had been received.

On motion, voted that the report be accepted, and that further action on the matter be indefinitely postponed.

DOCTRINAL MANUAL AND CATECHISM.

Rev. Cyrus Hamlin, D. D., Chairman of the Committee on a statement of Christian doctrine, made a report, in which he gave a definition of a catechism. "It should have. 1. The form and contents of a church confession. 2. It should be familiar to the people, and a guide to all who would make a public confession of faith. 3. It should be the basis of the religious instruction of the young."

In seeking for some good model to work by, the committee had looked over a number of the most widely circulated catechisms of different confessions, including the Romish, Greek, German, Dutch, French, and English,—Heidelburg (1563) and Westminister.

"The Westminster Catechism stands confessedly at the head of all the efforts that have been made to embody a system of theology in catechetical form." * *

"To form a new catechism, would be without authority, and without prestige. It would 'neither fly, nor go.' Our State Conference does not possess authority over the churches in order to introduce it. It could simply recommend it." * *

"The alternative is, to recommend the old.—'The Shorter Catechism,' so called. It would be far more acceptable were some things changed in it, and they should be changed,—but it is too clear, concise and pithy to be lost. It exceeds all other catechisms in these respects. Those parents who faithfully use it, give their children a training,—intellectual and spiritual, which nothing hitherto prepared can replace. Why should we try for an altogether new catechism, when there is a moral certainty that it will come out inferior to what we already have, and thus incur the danger of condemnation, by common consent."

After remarks by George B. Barrows, Esq., and Rev. I. P. Warren, the report was accepted, and the committee discharged. Pending a motion to recommit the subject to the same, or to a new committee, the time had arrived for the consideration of another topic, and it was laid on the table. As was also a motion of Rev. G. S. Dickerman, recommending the Westminister catechism.

It was subsequently taken up, and after remarks by George B. Barrows, Esq., Revs. Geo. S. Dickerman, Wm. H. Fenn, Chas. H. Pope, Dr. Warren, Levi L. Paine, Edward Chase, and Addison Blanchard,—the subject was indefinitely postponed.

THE AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

The claims of this Society, laboring for the Freedmen, were forcibly presented by Rev. Charles L. Woodworth, Secretary, of Boston, showing

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our indebtedness to them, and the need of help. Seventy-five of our churches have contributed $2,620, and the ladies $700 in addition, to sustain a female missionary among the Freedmen. The 168 churches who had not remembered them, were exhorted to think of the words of Christ: "Inasmuch as ye did it to one of the least of these, ye did it unto Me."

Rev. Charles H. Pope, of Thomaston, added some stirring words in reference to the work of the Society among the Chinese and Indians.

Dea. Brown Thurston, of Portland, was called upon as the son of Rev. David Thurston, the great friend of the slave, to lead in prayer in their behalf.

CONFERENCE SERMON.

Organ Voluntary, by Mrs. Nellie Gifford, Organist.

The choir and congregation united in singing Hymn 1017,

"I love thy kingdom, Lord."—(*Boylston.*)

Reading the 60th chapter of Isaiah, and prayer, by Rev. S. Lewis B. Speare, of Bangor.

Sung Hymn 797,—

"I'm not ashamed to own my Lord."—(*Ortonville.*)

Sermon by Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D., of Bath. Text, Matthew, 28:20. "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." A creed to be believed; a duty to be performed; a promise to be fulfilled. (The sermon is published in the Ch. Mirror, June 26.)

The Hymn,—"My faith looks up thee," was read.

The choir sung a solo and chorus,—

"Come thou fount of every blessing."—(*W. O. Perkins.*)

After a report from the Committee of Arrangements, which was accepted, the roll was called, and Conference adjourned.

Two o'clock P. M.

United in singing Hymn 794,—

"Planted in Christ."—(*Arlington.*)

The Moderator read the 119th Psalm.

Rev. Alfred J. McGown, of Orono, led in prayer.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Rev. Austin L. Park, of Gardiner, Corresponding Secretary of the Conference, presented the State of the Churches, for the year past.

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United in singing Hymn 180,—

"How firm a foundation."—(*Portugeese Hymn.*)

The Moderator said the causes of Thanksgiving were so numerous, as indicated by the report just read, it were fitting that we make expression of them in prayer,—and Rev. Stephen L. Bowler, of Bethel, led in the service.

The acceptance of the report, to be published in the Minutes, was moved by Rev. William P. Fisher, of Brunswick, accompanied with remarks suggested by it.

THE NEEDS AND WORK OF OUR CHURCHES.

This topic was introduced by Rev. Addison Blanchard, State Missionary, followed by Revs. John S. Sewall, D. D., and S. L. B. Speare, of Bangor, Charles L. Nichols, of Brownville, Thomas G. Mitchell, of Maddison, and Frederic E. Shaw, of East Machias,—enforcing many practical points, which gave great interest to the occasion, and were calculated to be helpful to Christian growth, and in the prosecution of Christian work the coming year.

DELEGATES FROM OTHER BODIES.

Rev. William H. Bowen, D. D., of Lewiston, Delegate from the Free Baptist Yearly Meeting, presented the salutations of that body.

At a subsequent session, Rev. William T. Jewell, of Guilford, presented those of the East Maine Methodist Conference; and Rev. George E. Tufts, of Dover, of the Maine Baptist Convention,—to each of which the Moderator responded,—united in singing a Hymn of Christian fellowship,—(859,)

"How sweet how heavenly is the sight
When those who love the Lord,
In one another's peace delight,
And so fulfill his word."—(*Maitland.*)

SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK.

This topic was considered under three divisions:—

1. *An Open Bible.* Whose teachings are to be studied and followed. Remarks by Rev. Webster Woodbury, of Skowhegan, Secretary for Sabbath Schools.

Sung Hymn 487,—"Lord, I have made thy word my choice."—(*Downs.*)

2. *The Catechism in the Sunday-School.* Its use and importance, by Rev. Woodbury S. Kimball, of Wells.

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3. *Mission Work in the Church Sunday-School.* Its value, and encouragements to it,—and how accomplished, by Rev. Charles H. Pope, of Thomaston.

A report from the Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements was read, and accepted.

Prayer, and benediction by Rev. Osgood W. Rogers, of Bridgton.

The Conference continued its session to hear and consider reports, etc.

CO-OPERATION IN MISSION WORK IN MAINE.

Rev. Francis Southworth, of Portland, of the committee appointed at the last Conference, (Minutes, 1879, p. 23,) to seek the co-operation of the Missionary societies of other denominations in reference to fields of labor, reported that the Methodist and Free Baptist Conferences had appointed a committee on their part in reference to the matter, and the subject would be presented to the Baptist Convention at their session in Augusta next week.

The committee from the Maine Methodist Conference, are Revs. C. F. Allen, D. D., S. F. Wetherbee and Perry Chandler.

From the Free Baptist Yearly Meeting,—Rev. Wm. H. Bowen, D. D.

The committee of this Conference propose to continue their labors still further.

THE DEXTER CHURCH.

Revs. Dr. Hamlin, P. B. Thayer and Dea. C. H. B. Woodbury were appointed a committee to advise with the pastor at Dexter, at his request, in reference to securing the amount needed to complete the church building in that place.

At a subsequent session, the following report was made by Rev. Dr. Hamlin, which was accepted and adopted.

The committee who were appointed to consider the debt of the Dexter Church, have made a long and careful examination of the subject and have come to the following results:

1.—The church and conference room has cost $5000. The work has been done in a very thorough and satisfactory manner, by day labor, and your committee are convinced that the money has been carefully expended, and that its full value exists in the buildings.

2.—No real scientific estimate of the cost was made beforehand. It was only guessed at, and here seems to be the only mistake that was made.

3.—There is now a debt of $1500 upon this small and feeble church. They are wholly unable to pay it. They have already paid $1100, besides much work and many things for which no charge has ever been made, or ever will be.

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4.—Your committee feel strongly that this enterprise must be completed. *It is* just where *it is*, and must be dealt with accordingly. From its very inception it became an affair, in some sense, of all our churches.

5.—Your committee understood that two pledges of $100 each are offered from Dexter, and they would recommend that additional pledges, payable during the year 1880, be here called for, in hope that the subject may be thus disposed of.

In response to this, some pledges were made. Additional sums may be sent to Dr. Hamlin, Bangor, or to Rev. J. S. Richards, Dexter.

Adjourned.

MAINE CONGREGATIONAL CHARITABLE SOCIETY.

Incorporated February 25, 1829.

FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING.

Tuesday evening, 7½ o'clock.

The President not being present, Rev. Sewall Tenney, D. D., of Ellsworth, took the chair.

Dr. T. read the 12th chapter of Romans, and led in prayer.

The report of the Treasurer, Rev. J. E. Adams, of Bangor, was presented.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in the Treasury, 1879	$303 92	
Contribution at Annual Meeting in Winthrop	35 34	
(1) From seven churches	94 56	
From fourteen individuals	105 84	
Interest and coupons	78 00	
		$617 66

EXPENDITURES.

Paid to thirteen families	$330 00	
Expenses, Discount and Taxes	30 61	
Balance in the Treasury to new account	257 05	
		$617 66

(1.) Bangor, Ham'd St,	$10 84	Portland, High St.,	20 00	Searsport 1st,	15 00
Brownville,	5 00	" State St.	18 00	Winthrop,	7 30
Farmington,	18 42				
				Total,	$94 56

A bequest of $1000 from Dea. Samuel Adams, of Castine, the former President of the Society, has been added to the General Fund.

Remarks by Dr. Tenney. Contribution taken. Amount, $56.27.

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OFFICERS OF THE MAINE CONGREGATIONAL CHARITABLE SOCIETY.

Rev. WOOSTER PARKER,.....*President*,.....Belfast.
Rev. SEWALL TENNEY, D. D.,.....*Vice-President*,.....Ellsworth.
Rev. FLAVIUS V. NORCROSS,.....*Secretary*,.....Union.
Rev. JONATHAN E. ADAMS,.....*Treasurer*,.....Bangor.
Dea. J. S. WHEELWRIGHT,.....*Auditor*,.....Bangor.

The President, Secretary, and Treasurer, *ex-officiis*, Rev. Messrs. E. POND, S. TENNEY, S. THURSTON, J. K. MASON, E. H. BYINGTON, and S. P. FAY, *Trustees*.

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8 o'clock. Conference resumed its session.

United in singing the Missionary Hymn,—

"From Greenland's icy mountains."

The Moderator read from the 67th Psalm, and the 9th chapter of Matthew.

Rev. Clarence S. Sargent, of Penobscot Conference, led in prayer.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Rev. Edward K. Alden, D. D., of Boston, Secretary of the Am. Bd. C. F. M., gave a most effective address, sketching with peculiar and graphic power the work which has been done, and is now doing, to carry out the last command of our Lord, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." He referred to the part Maine had taken in it, from the beginning until now. Sixty-six had given themselves personally to the work, in various parts of the world, and others were now under appointment. With tender interest he spoke of the late Rev. Benjamin G. Snow, and Secretary Rufus Anderson, both natives of Maine, and gave due honor to Dr. Hamlin and others who were still living.

Dr. Alden then called up Mr. George Allchin, a graduate of the last class in Bangor Seminary, and under appointment as a missionary to Japan, to make some remarks. The churches will feel a new interest in him and his work, by his experience and appeal.

At the request of the Moderator, Rev. Wm. H. Fenn, of Portland, led in prayer, especially commending the young missionary to the guidance and blessing of God.

Rev. Dr. Hamlin expressed himself as deeply moved by the service of the evening as bringing to mind his own experience as he entered upon his missionary work and prosecuted it. He spoke words of encouragement to Mr. A., and hoped that other young men would be moved

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to consecrate themselves to the work of making known the riches of the Gospel to the nations; so living to some good and grand purpose.

United in singing the Missionary Hymn, (1136) led by Mr. Allchin,—

"Ye Christian heralds, go proclaim
Salvation through Immanuel's name."

Benediction, by Rev. Dr. Hamlin.

Adjourned.

SECOND DAY.--Wednesday, June 16.

6 A. M.—Prayer-meeting in the Chapel, led by Rev. Henry S. Huntington, of Gorham, who read part of the 28th chapter of Matthew, and first chapter of Ephesians. Prayer, or remarks by Mr. H., Revs. J. T. Hawes, A. Blanchard, F. E. Shaw, H. A. Loring, A. Redlon, Dea. M. H. Metcalf, and others,—interspersed with frequent singing. A season of much spiritual interest and quickening.

8:30. Prayer-meeting conducted by Rev. Frederic E. Shaw, of East Machias, who referred to the 18th verse of the 28th chapter of Matthew, read at the 6 o'clock meeting, as suggesting an appropriate theme for this hour. The power given to Christ in heaven and in earth. Remarks and prayer by Mr. S., Revs. S. L. Bowler, I. P. Warren, A. E. Ives and others. It was felt to be a privilege and an honor to be with Christ in his work. A part of the time was occupied in giving brief testimony as to the happy experience of Christians in the divine life. A verse or two of a Hymn was sung at intervals,—closing with the Doxology.

Maine Missionary Society.

Organized in 1807.

SEVENTY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY.

9 o'clock A. M.

Organ Voluntary by Mrs. N. Gifford.

Solo and Chorus by the choir,—

"E'er since by Faith."—From Concona, arranged by H. R. Palmer.

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The President, Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D., of Bath, read the eleventh chapter of Matthew, and led in prayer.

Hymn by choir and congregation, (870,)

"Go—Labor on."

Sermon, by Rev. Edward Chase, of Biddeford.

Text, Matt. 11:7. "What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind?" Theme,—The spiritual dependence of the city upon the country.

The choir sung an anthem by W. O. Perkins,

"God is a spirit."

The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer, which were read, the remarks following, the sermon, and the business transacted, may be found in another part of this pamphlet.

Annual contribution, $58.35.

Benediction by the President.

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2 o'clock P. M.—Conference resumed its session.

The Moderator read the 10th chapter of Matthew. Rev. Lewis J. Thomas, of Hancock Conference, led in prayer.

United in singing Hymn 168,—

"Give thanks to God most high."

The Moderator, having an appointment to meet with the Trustees of the Maine Missionary Society, called Rev. Charles H. Pope, of Thomaston, to the chair.

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

BOWDOIN COLLEGE.

Rev. I. P. Warren, D. D., of Portland, in behalf of a Committee to visit Bowdoin College, made a report expressing great satisfaction with the course of study, and the government, and that it was increasingly worthy of the confidence and affection of the churches.

The Report was accepted.

Prof. George T. Ladd, A.M., the new Professor of Mental Philosophy, addressed the Conference, expressing his deep interest in the College, and especially his desire for the spiritual welfare of the students. Profs. Sewall and Paine, Dr. Hamlin and John L. Crosby, of Bangor, Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine, and Rev. Josiah T. Hawes, of Litchfield, added remarks expressive of the value and excellence of this College.

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Prayer was offered with special reference to it, led by Rev. Henry V. Emmons, of Hallowell.

At a subsequent session, a committee for the present year was appointed to visit the College for the same purpose as indicated last year. (Minutes, 1879, p. 13.)

COMMITTEE.—Rev. I. P. Warren, D. D., Portland; Rev. Joseph Torrey, D. D., Yarmouth; John L. Crosby, and Rev. John S. Sewall, D. D., Bangor; Rev. Austin L. Park, Gardiner.

BANGOR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Rev. Ezra N. Smith, of Waterville, Chairman, in behalf of the Committee who visited the Seminary at its last anniversary, presented their report. It was accepted, and may be found in the appendix.

Remarks followed, by Rev. Dr. Fiske, of Bath, Rev. Dr. Warren, of Portland, Prof. L. L. Paine, and John S. Kimball, of Bangor, Rev. C. H. Pope, of Thomaston, and Mr. George Allchin, a member of the last graduating class, commending the Seminary to the sympathy and prayers and aid of the churches.

Conference united in prayer for the Seminary, led by Rev. J. E. Adams, Secretary of the Maine Missionary Society.

Sung Hymn 349,—

"Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim."

HALLOWELL CLASSICAL SCHOOL.

Hon. Joshua Nye, of Augusta, the Treasurer, presented a statement of its condition and needs. About $8,000 is wanted to cancel its indebtedness; and an effort was made, following the remarks of Rev. S. L. B. Speare, to raise on the spot $1,000 for immediate use. The need of this institution, in its connection with the College and the Seminary, was presented.

In the evening, by vote of Conference, a half-hour was given for further consideration of the subject. Rev. Almon W. Burr, the Principal of the school, Dea. J. S. Wheelwright, and Rev. S. L. B. Speare, of Bangor, offered remarks, touching the needs and merits of the Institution.

The following minute was adopted at a subsequent session:

The Congregational General Conference of Maine having previously authorized the establishment of the Classical and Scientific Academy, at Hallowell, as a first-class Seminary and fitting school for College, at the session of 1878, instructed the Trustees to raise the sum of fifty thousand dollars to pay its indebtedness, and provide for its endowment.

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Twenty-eight thousand dollars having been pledged, and much more promised, the Conference is encouraged with the hope that the full amount can be speedily raised.

We, as fully as ever, recognize the necessity and importance of the school, and the obligation of our people to sustain the same by contributions and by their patronage.

We recommend to the Trustees to prosecute the work of raising funds till the stability and success of the school is insured.

We also recommend that the cost of attendance upon the school be so reduced, that it may share the patronage of all classes equally with other similar schools in the State.

We confidently appeal to brethren in all parts of the State, and out of it, to generously aid us in this noble work.

We hereby express our confidence in the wisdom and good judgment of the Trustees, and in the skill and fidelity of our excellent corps of teachers, and commend the school to the more general patronage of our people.

We gratefully acknowledge the good hand of God in the generosity of His people in the contributions already made in this department of our Christian work.

7:45 P. M. United in singing,—

"Blest river of salvation."

The Moderator read the Scriptures. Rev. Arthur G. Fitz, of Hampden, led in prayer.

THE WORK, NEEDS, POLICY AND MOTIVES OF THE MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

This topic was clearly and vigorously opened by Rev. George S. Dickerman, of Lewiston,—followed by an animated and full discussion, participated in by Revs. Addison Blanchard, John B. Wheelwright, Clarence S. Sargent, Stephen L. Bowler, Charles Davison, Abiel H. Wright, Charles L. Nichols, Jonathan E. Adams, Charles J. H. Ropes, Benjamin P. Snow, Amasa Loring, Charles H. Pope, Alfred E. Ives, I. P. Warren, D. D., Levi L. Paine, D. D., Frederic E. Shaw, and John O. Fiske, D. D. The remarks of some were brief, but pithy and pertinent.

Prof. Paine announced that the Trustees of the Society had voted to employ one or more general missionaries, with special reference to more aggressive work on our frontiers, and sparsely settled districts.

A telegram was announced from the new Pastor, of Second Church, Biddeford, pledging $150 to the Society. Rev. B. P. Snow, pledged for York County, that it would do its part in any advance movement.

A verse or two of the "Sweet bye and bye,"—"Blest be the tie," etc., was sung during the evening, and Rev. Daniel Greene, of Machias, led in prayer.

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Though the meeting was continued until fifteen minutes to 10 o'clock, there were but very few of the crowded house who left, until the Doxology was sung by the congregation,—

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow,"

and the benediction pronounced by Rev. David Garland, of Oxford Conference.

THIRD DAY.--Thursday, June 17.

6 o'clock P. M.—Prayer-meeting in the Chapel conducted by Rev. Cyrus Hamlin, D. D., of Bangor Seminary. Scripture read,—a part of the 25th chapter of Matthew.

Prayers,—led by Revs. Chas. Davison, F. V. Norcross, Henry S. and Herbert A. Loring, Stephen L. Bowler, W. S. Thompson, and Addison Blanchard. Remarks by the leader,—Revs. J. B. Wheelwright, J. E. Adams, F. V. Norcross, J. T. Hawes, A. Blanchard, Amasa Loring, David Garland, and others.

The mission work of the church was a prominent topic of remark and prayer. There was a ready response to the views and determinations of the preceding day.

The voice of song was frequently intermingled with the voice of prayer, and the season was strengthening to faith and Christian purpose.

8:30 A. M.

The Moderator read the 121st Psalm.

United in prayer, with Rev. John Dinsmore, of Kennebec Conference.

VACANCIES IN COMMITTEE OF NOMINATIONS.

Rev. Benjamin B. Merrill, of Waldo Conference, and Benjamin P. Snow, of York Conference, were appointed to take the place of two whose term of office expires.

ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATION IN CONFERENCE.

The question of amending the Constitution so as to incorporate as members of the Conference a delegation from Bowdoin College, Bangor Seminary, and Hallowell School, and the Editor of the Christian Mirror, was discussed.

The prevailing feeling was, that the present relations of these to the Conference was sufficiently understood, and entirely cordial and satisfac-

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tory, and nothing would be gained by the change proposed,—and the question was indefinitely postponed.

The action of Conference reported on page 5, refers to another change introduced last year, (Minutes, 1879, p. 10,) increasing the delegates to the Pastor, or Acting-pastor, and one delegate from each church,—and not as the heading indicates to a change of time in the annual meeting. The heading should have been, *No change in the organization of Conference.*

THE MINUTES.

A vote was passed directing the Publishing Committee to issue the Minutes of our Conference in the usual form.

THE CONGREGATIONAL YEAR-BOOK.

Rev. Austin L. Park, of Gardiner, referred to the claim of the National Council upon the State Conferences and the amount appropriated to Maine, $219.97,—reading a letter from the officers of the Council in reference to the same, and considered it as a matter of honor, that the claim should be met.

The subject was discussed by Professor John S. Sewall, G. S. Barrows, Esq., Revs. F. V. Norcross, I. P. Warren, A. Loring, N. W. Grover, A. E. Ives, C. J. H. Ropes, W. P. Fisher, H. S. Huntington, and J. S. Cogswell.

On motion of Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D.,—

Voted,—That the sum of one cent a member be requested from all the churches in addition to what is appropriated for the payment of our own Minutes, in order to pay for past Year-Books of the National Council.

Voted, further,—That we deem it inexpedient for the National Council in future to levy taxes on the State Conferences, to pay for the Year-Books of the National Council.

On motion, a recess was voted, that the Maine Branch of the American College and Education Society might hold its annual meeting.

MAINE BRANCH AMERICAN COLLEGE AND EDUCATION SOCIETY

Organized in Portland, Nov. 19, 1818.

SIXTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING.

Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath, Vice-President, in the chair.

The Report of the Treasurer, Prof. Henry L. Chapman, of Brunswick, was read and accepted.

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RECEIPTS.

Collection at annual meeting at Winthrop,	$11.12	
(1) Contributions from eight churches,	202.35	
(2) Four individuals,	27.00	
Bank dividends,	40.00	
Parent Society,	50.00	
		$330.47

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Parent Society by Treasurer,	$275.47	
Beneficiary at Bowdoin College,	50.00	
On Hand,	5.00	
		$330 47

(1) Augusta,	10.00	Biddeford, 2d,	11.10	Portland, High st.	21.00
Bangor, 1st Ch.,	11.64	Brunswick,	8.00	State st.	100.00
Hammond st.,	31.21	Hampden,	9.40		
				Total,	$202.35

(2) Alfred, $10, Castine, $10, Eastport, $5, Salem, N. H., $2.==$27.

In addition to the above, the Treasurer of the Parent Society, acknowledges in the Report for 1880, p. 58, the following sums as received by him:

Bangor, Central Church Sab.Sch.,	$20.00	Lewiston Pine St. Ch.,	$2.65
Bath, Winter Street Church,	22.00	First Church,	6.12
Gorham Church,	21.40	Wiscasset Church,	3.66
		Total,	$75.83

Also from individuals:

Augusta, $5.00. Norridgewock, $1.00. Total, $6.00

Total amount for the year from all sources, $434.73.

Thirty-one in Bangor Theological Seminary have received aid the past year from this Society; and two in Bowdoin College.

Examining Committee on applications in the College:—Prof. Alpheus S. Packard, D. D., Prof. Charles H. Smith, Prof. Henry L. Chapman.

In the Seminary:—Rev. Enoch Pond, D. D., Rev. S. P. Fay, Prof. Daniel S. Talcott, D. D., Prof. Levi L. Paine, D. D.

The Report of the Secretary, Rev. Frank E. Clark, of Portland, was read,—see Appendix.

After remarks by Dr. Fiske, proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

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OFFICERS OF THE MAINE BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE AND EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Rev. ENOCH POND, D. D.,.....*President*,.....Bangor.
Rev. JOHN O. FISKE, D. D.,.....*Vice-President*,.....Bath.
Rev. FRANK E. CLARK,.....*Secretary*,.....Portland.
Prof. HENRY L. CHAPMAN,.....*Treasurer*,.....Brunswick.
CHARLES N. BATES,.....*Auditor*,.....Brunswick.

DIRECTORS:—President and Secretary, *ex-officiis;* Prof. ALPHEUS S. PACKARD, of Brunswick; and Dea. GEORGE A. THATCHER, of Bangor.

Annual collection, $16.40. Adjourned.

Conference resumed its session.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Report of the Treasurer, Dea. J. S. Wheelwright, of Bangor, was read.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from old account,.....	$30.76	
Collection at annual meeting in Winthrop,.....	14.80	
From Somerset Conference, balance 1877,.....	1.43	
(1) From County Conferences for 1878,.....	62.11	
(2) From County Conferences for 1879,.....	324.43	
		$433.53

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Rev. E. H. Byington, Secretary, postage, etc.,.....	$1.64	
Dingley & Co., Blanks,.....	4.50	
Rev. A. L. Park, Secretary, Expenses,.....	3.00	
O. F. Knowles & Co., for Minutes and Blanks, 1879,.....	221.08	
Postage, Freight and Expenses, Pub. Com. 1879,.....	103.45	
Balance on hand to new acct.,.....	99.86	
		$433.53

(1) Oxford,	23.50	Somerset,	15.00	Waldo,	3.61
York,	20.00			Total.....	$62.11

(2) Aroostook,	5.00	Kennebec,	22.00	Somerset,	10.00
Cumberland,	58.00	Lincoln and Sag.,	34.00	Union,	18.00
CumberlandNorth,	39.00	Oxford,	1.06	Waldo,	5.69
Franklin,	14.00	Penobscot,	37.00	Washington,	15.39
Hancock,	18.00	Piscataquis,	14.00	York,	33.29
				Total,....	$324.43

The Report, with that of the Auditor, Dea. William S. Dennett, of Bangor, was accepted.

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TEMPERANCE.

On motion of Rev. S. Lewis B. Speare, of Bangor,—

Voted,—By the Congregationalist ministers and laymen of Maine in State Conference assembled at Foxcroft, that we earnestly commend to all our churches, renewed diligence and additional methods in developing an aggressive work, especially among the youth of our Sunday-Schools, whereby the cause of Temperance shall get a firmer and increasing hold upon the Christian intelligence and conscience of our State.

A communication was received from H. N. Jones, a committee of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Maine, on the subject of fermented wine at the communion service.

On motion of Rev. F. E. Shaw, of Machias,—

Resolved,—That we commend to the consideration of the churches, the recommendation of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Maine, that unfermented wine be used at the sacrament of the Lord's Supper; and while we can prescribe no rule for the churches, it is the sense of the General Conference that their recommendation is worthy of general adoption.

DIVORCE.

On motion of Rev. S. L. B. Speare,—

Voted,—That the officers of this Conference be invited to consider the subject of our State laws respecting divorce, and the action of our courts pursuant thereto; and that they have full power to memorialize the legislature in our name, or take any other action that may commend itself to their good judgment concerning the whole matter.

IN MEMORIAM.

The Necrology, by the Recording Secretary, was read.

Only brief reference could be made to the ministry and laity, who have entered into rest. The more full record may be found on subsequent pages.

The following minute was adopted, prepared by Rev. Dr. Hamlin:

Three hundred and sixty are reported by the Corresponding Secretary as having, during the year, passed over the river which we so often call the Dark River, but which we believe was to them celestial light on the other shore.

As representative men, one from the home, and one from the foreign field, we name two:

Resolved,—That in the death of EDWARD F. CUTTER, the churches of Maine have lost an able, faithful, and accomplished minister of the Gospel, whose memory we will cherish with sacred love and honor.

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Resolved,—That in the death of BENJAMIN G. SNOW, the church of Christ has lost one of its most faithful, self-denying and successful missionaries, and we rejoice that while the Islands of the Pacific mourn, he rests from his sufferings in the joy and peace of God.

Resolved,—That these resolutions be entered on our minutes, and a copy be forwarded to the surviving families respectively, including the Micronesian Islands.

United in rising and singing Hymn 1207,—

"Servants of God, well done!
Rest from thy loved employ."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Rev. Abiel H. Wright, of Portland, Chairman of the Committee, made the following report, which was accepted and adopted, as follows:

Committees, by vote of Conference, were authorized to fill vacancies.

COMMITTEES.

Publication of Minutes.

Dea. ELNATHAN F. DUREN, of Bangor. Rev. AUSTIN L. PARK, of Gardiner.
Rev. JONATHAN E. ADAMS, of Bangor. Rev. HENRY S. HUNTINGTON, of Gorham.

Sabbath Schools.

Rev. WEBSTER WOODBURY, of Skowhegan.

TO VISIT THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, BANGOR.

MEMBERS.	RESIDENCE.	CONFERENCE.
Rev CHARLES N. SINNETT,	Patten,	*Aroostook.*
Rev. EDWIN A. HARLOW,	Cape Elizabeth,	*Cumberland.*
Rev. RICHARD WICKETT,	Pownal,	*Cumberland, North.*
Rev. J. LORING PRATT,	Strong,	*Franklin.*
Rev. CHARLES J. H. ROPES,	Ellsworth,	*Hancock.*
Dea. MASON H. METCALF,	Monmouth,	*Kennebec.*
Rev. WILLIAM F. OBEAR,	New Castle,	*Lincoln and Sagadahoc.*
Rev. THOMAS P. WILLIAMS,	Gilead,	*Oxford.*
Rev. S. LEWIS B. SPEARE,	Bangor,	*Penobscot.*
Rev. JEHIEL S. RICHARDS,	Dexter,	*Piscataquis.*
Rev. THOMAS G. MITCHELL,	Madison,	*Somerset.*
Rev. OSGOOD W. ROGERS,	Bridgton,	*Union.*
Rev. WELLINGTON R. CROSS,	Camden,	*Waldo.*
Rev. DANIEL GREENE,	Machias,	*Washington.*
Rev. EDWARD CHASE,	Biddeford,	*York.*

BOWDOIN COLLEGE.

CONFERENCE APPOINTED AS VISITORS,—Revs. Israel P. Warren, D. D., of Portland; Rev. Joseph Torrey, D. D., of Yarmouth; Rev. Austin L. Park, of Gardiner; Rev. John S. Sewall, D. D., and John L. Crosby, Esq., of Bangor.

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DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Delegates to attend in person, or send a written communication.—RULE 13.

MAINE CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

May, 1881, in Portland.

PRIMARY.	SUBSTITUTE.
Rev. WILLIAM H. FENN, of Portland.	Rev. JOHN F. MORGAN, of Portland.

EAST MAINE CONFERENCE OE THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

May, 1881, in Belfast.

Rev. CLARENCE S. SARGENT, of Brewer Village. Rev. JOHN A. ROSS, of Belfast.

MAINE BAPTIST MISSIONARY CONVENTION.

June, 1881.

Rev. CHARLES A. WHITE, of Hallowell. Rev. STEPHEN L. BOWLER, of Bethel.

FREE WILL BAPTIST YEARLY MEETING.

August, 1881.

Rev. JEHIEL S. RICHARDS, of Dexter. Rev. PETER P. THAYER, of Garland.

By vote of Conference, [Minutes, 1872, p. 9,] the sending of Delegates to State Conferences is discontinued. Any member of Conference, who may be present at either of the meetings, is authorized to represent this body. A list of State Conferences and Associations, with time and place of meeting, may be found in the Appendix.

DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL.

Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D., Bath; William E. Gould, Portland; Rev. Frank E. Clark, Portland; Rev. George S. Dickerman, Lewiston.

ALTERNATES:—Dea. Joseph S. Wheelwright, Bangor; Hon. George B. Barrows, Fryeburg; Samuel S. Brooks, Esq., Augusta; Dea. Joseph R. Learned, Auburn.

NEXT MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

On Tuesday preceding the third Wednesday of June, (14) 1881, at nine o'clock A. M., with the Williston Church, Portland.

Preacher.

Rev. WM. P. FISHER, Brunswick, *Prim.* Rev. GEO. S. DICKERMAN, Lewiston, *Sub.*

Committee of Arrangements.

Rev. Frank E. Clark, C. C. Chapman, Esq., Rev. Edward Y. Hincks, of Portland.

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Co-operating Committee.

Rev. Joseph Torrey, D. D., of Yarmouth; Rev. Anson P. Tinker, of Auburn; Rev. Benjamin P. Snow, of Alfred.

Committee on Nominations.

Rev. WILLIAM FORSYTH, of Hancock Conference.
Rev. AMOS REDLON, of Piscataquis Conference.
Rev. THOMAS G. MITCHELL, of Somerset Conference.
Rev. EDWARD E. BACON, of Oxford Conference.
Rev. BENJAMIN B. MERRILL, of Waldo Conference.
Rev. BENJAMIN P. SNOW, of York Conference.

Treasurer, Dea. JOSEPH S. WHEELWRIGHT, of Bangor; *Auditor*, Dea. WILLIAM S. DENNETT, of Bangor.

THE AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL UNION.

Rev. William B. Brown, D. D., of New York, Secretary, presented the claims of this Church-building Society, with great earnestness and power; showing the importance of providing church-edifices, to secure the highest good of the nation, and of individuals; to sustain most effectually Home and Foreign Missions, and to advance the Kingdom of Christ. In the evening, a special meeting was appointed, at which he set forth more minutely, and to the great satisfaction of the audience, what had already been accomplished, what they were now doing, and what would be done if the needed funds was provided.

On motion of Rev. Benjamin P. Snow, of York Conference,—

Voted,—That the Committee chosen last year be re-appointed to carry out the purpose then stated, to see that each church makes annually a collection for church-building work, and to whom documents and facts may be sent. (Minutes, 1879, pp. 14, 15.)

The Committee consists of one from each local Conference, viz:—Revs. W. A. Merrill, H. S. Huntington, T. S. Perry, A. W. Moore, Dea. Edward Swazey, Revs. E. N. Smith, C. H. Pope, D. Garland, C. A. Beckwith, P. B. Thayer, T. G. Mitchell, O. W. Rogers, B. B. Merrill, G. W. Kelley, and B. P. Snow.

United in singing the Doxology.
Benediction by Rev. Amasa Loring, of Foxcroft.
Adjourned.

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CLOSING SESSION.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.

1.30 P. M.—The usual invitation was extended to unite with us in the service.

The ordinance of the Lord's Supper was administered by Revs. William H. Fenn, of Cumberland Conference and Addison Blanchard, of Penobscot Conference.

Deas. Brown Thurston and J. Forrest Jefferds, of Portland, James Y. Richardson, of Oldtown, and William P. Hubbard, of Bangor, distributing the elements.

The annual collection was received. Amount, $27.54.

VOTE OF THANKS.

Rev. Frank E. Clark, of Portland, introduced a vote of thanks to the Pastor and people of Foxcroft and Dover; to the Committee of Arrangements; to the choir; to the ladies for the floral decorations, and to the Railroad and Steamboat Companies for facilities of conveyance, which he accompanied with fitting remarks, emphasizing the noble, generous, great-hearted reception which had been given, and inviting them all to come to Portland next year.

The vote was unanimously adopted.

Rev. Herbert A. Loring, pastor of the church, for himself and people, responded; thanking their guests for coming, and expressing their pleasure in the anticipation of it, in their presence, and in the remembrance of the pleasant acquaintance and associations of the week.

United in singing the Hymn of Christian fellowship,—

"When we asunder part."

The venerable Rev. Josiah T. Hawes, of Litchfield, desired to add a word, expressive of his sense of the delightful seasons we have enjoyed, and though we might not meet again here, yet we may meet on the heavenly hill above, honored as the "sons of God." What manner of love it is that any should thus be called.

The benediction was pronounced by him, and the Moderator declared the Conference adjourned *sine die*.

E. F. DUREN,
Recording Secretary.

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PRELIMINARY SERVICES.

On Monday evening, June 14, a preliminary service was held, which, owing to the excellent arrangements made for the arrival of guests, in the afternoon, was well attended. Every thing indicated that the Conference was cordially welcomed; the greetings, and reunions were pleasant, and the service refreshing and quickening. The floral decorations in the house were beautiful,—and the sweet strains of the organ fell upon the ear, as we entered. The Organist who presided, Mrs. Nellie Gifford, gave evidence throughout the session, of her skill and good taste. The choir were well trained, and sung with much feeling, and expression. The voices were exceptionally good, and well balanced. The members of the choir, were Mrs. J. W. Campbell, *Soprano*; Mrs. B. B. Merrill, *Contralto;* Mr. A. L. Ober, *Tenor;* Mr. George Mitchell, *Bass.* They sung as an opening service this evening, a chant,—

"Heavenly Father grant thy blessing."

Rev. Webster Woodbury, of Skowhegan, read the Scriptures, and led in prayer.

The choir and congregation sung Hymn 722,—

"My faith looks up to thee."

Sermon by Rev. George T. Ladd, Professor in Bowdoin College. Texts, John 3: 11. 1 Cor. 2: 12, and 12: 3. Theme,—Christian consciousness as to the truths and doctrines of Christianity.

Prayer by the Preacher.

The choir sung,—

"O that I had wings like a dove." Arranged from Concona, by Emerson.

Benediction, by Rev. W. Woodbury.

Tuesday morning opened with a bright sun, and clear air—and the glories of the outer world invited to praise and prayer—and at 6 o'clock, there was a joyful gathering in the neat and convenient chapel—Rev. Addison Blanchard led the exercises, reading the 13th chapter of the Acts, offering brief remarks and prayer. Prayers—by Revs. J. T. Hawes, N. W. Grover, C. H. Pope, C. L. Nichols, and others. Remarks by Revs. J. T. Hawes, D. Garland, C. Hamlin, Brother B. Holt and others.

Songs of praise ascended from warm and loving hearts—"An excellent meeting,"—was the report.

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At 8 o'clock, there was another call to praise and prayer, in the church, where the sessions of Conference were to be held,—conducted by Rev. Charles H. Pope, of Thomaston. Brief testimony was given by many, of the goodness of God, and the abundant cause we have for gratitude, and love and service.—Prayer was offered for a blessing to attend and follow the meeting of Conference.

WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.—STATE AUXILIARY.

The seventh anniversary of this Society was held on Wednesday P.M. at 2 o'clock, in the chapel.

The first half-hour was spent in devotional exercises. After singing, the officers for the ensuing year were chosen.

Mrs. Fenn read the first seven verses of the 12th chapter of John, and spoke of Mary's devotion, its fullness, self-forgetfulness, and the lessons to be drawn from it. Mrs. Wheelwright, of Deering, led in prayer.

The report of Mrs. Dana, treasurer of the Maine Branch, showed a total of $3,314.90 which had been duly forwarded to the Boston Board. A collection for incidental expenses was taken.

The report of Miss Spofford, Corresponding Secretary, showed an increase of interest at home, and the extension and progress of the work abroad.

Most of the Vice-Presidents of the various Conferences reported in person.

Mrs. Barnes, of Boston, presented the greetings of the Woman's Board to the Maine Branch. She spoke of their work, of the missionaries, especially of our own Miss Hamlin, and urged fresh efforts for the future. Mrs. Snow, of Micronesia, followed with a few glowing words of renewed consecration, expressing her hope and strong desire to return to her island home.

The meeting closed with one verse, "When we asunder part," all feeling deeply moved by the earnest words to which they had listened.

THE WOMAN'S MAINE MISSIONARY AUXILIARY.

A meeting of ladies was held in the chapel on Thursday at 9 A. M.

After devotional exercises, Mrs. William E. Gould, of Portland, was called to preside, and Mrs. L. L. Paine, of Bangor, chosen Secretary. A constitution was circulated.

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On motion of Mrs. W. H. Fenn, of Portland, it was voted that it was expedient to form such a society, and the constitution was adopted.

Mrs J. E. Adams and Mrs. A. Blanchard, of Bangor, and Mrs. C. Davison, of Greenville, were appointed a committee to nominate officers.

Mrs. Barnes, of Boston, being called upon, made some remarks in reference to the value of such organizations, and showed that the foreign and home boards worked harmoniously together.

The committee reported and the following officers were elected: Mrs. William E. Gould, of Portland, President; Mrs. L. L. Paine, of Bangor, Secretary; Mrs. J. L. Crosby, of Bangor, Treasurer; and a Vice-President from each of the fifteen local Conferences in the State.

AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.—WOMAN'S AID.

The same ladies, who are also interested in sustaining a female missionary among the freedmen and freedwomen, organized themselves by calling Mrs. I. P. Warren, of Portland, to preside.

Mrs. W. E. Gould, in behalf of the committee of last year, reported that $600 had been raised and appropriated.

A second missionary will be employed next fall, who, with Miss Anna Farrington now in the field, will be sustained the coming year.

Miss Farrington, who was present, gave a report of her labors in North Carolina. Miss E. B. Emery, who had been at the South to investigate the condition of the women, and the schools, made a report of what she had seen and heard.

Four ladies were appointed to have charge of this Christian work the ensuing year. The meeting was closed with singing the Doxology,—and prayer by Mrs. Fenn.

In addition to the address of Rev. Dr. Brown, Thursday evening, referred to on page 23, Revs. A. Blanchard and George S. Dickerman, made stirring speeches in behalf of the Church-building Society, happily referred to by Pastor H. A. Loring, of Foxcroft, in Ch. Mir., July 3.

The weather throughout the entire sessions was pleasant, cool and inspiring; the efforts of the Committee, and of the people of Foxcroft and Dover, were unremitting in providing for the comfort and pleasure of their guests. One of the thoughtful arrangements was the providing of conveyances so freely from place to place, beginning with the arrival of the cars, to the time of departure. Another was that the Band, of Dover, (Taylor's Cornet Band,) should be at their stand on the lawn near the

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Chapel and Academy, so that when the people were retiring from the church on Wednesday evening, they should be greeted with their excellent music.

The devotional element was prominent during the meetings; the topics of the sermons, and the spirit of the discussions were elevated and inspiring. The result of the meeting cannot but prove helpful to the churches.

The Christian Mirror of June 19, 26, and July 3, contains a full report of the session. The Congregationalist, June 23, has a report—also the Advance, June 24. The Whig and Courier, June 16 to 19.—Lewiston Journal and Portland Press.

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Report of the State of the Churches.

My predecessor, as Corresponding Secretary, very properly magnified his office. He made his annual report the great feature of the Conference. For the six years past he has given us views of the history and work of our denomination in the State such as we found exceedingly suggestive and valuable. Nor can any matter so properly come before us, in conference assembled, as the growth and progress of religion, and the measure of success that has attended the ministration of the Word in those parishes for which we are responsible. We do not meet here to set one another right upon doubtful points in theology, nor to discuss intricate questions of interpretation. Christ gave commission to his ministers to teach men "to observe all things whatsoever he *commanded* them," that is, to lead men to practical obedience to him, to look after their character and conduct. And if there be uncertainty in any minds as to any doctrinal statements which Christ made, there is none as to what he prescribed as Christian *duty*. We are able to execute his parting direction, to teach all nations to observe whatsoever he commanded us, and in so doing to save ourselves and them. And having been thus engaged, we come together here to inquire of one another's welfare, according to the apostolic suggestion, "Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they do."

The past twelve months have witnessed a sensible and substantial growth. Revivals have been enjoyed in various places, not so numerous nor so extensive as in some years, yet in several instances more than doubling the membership of churches. These times of refreshing have come, noticeably, without the employment of special agencies, and have been due to simple pastoral fidelity and individual effort. We have two hundred and forty-three churches, the same number as last year, none having been formed, and none dropped. We have fewer churches, by seven, than we had fifteen years ago; but their average size has meanwhile increased from eighty-eight members each to ninety.

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The additions by confession during the year have been six hundred and thirty-seven, less than were reported at Winthrop by one hundred and sixty; the additions by letter, three hundred and six, less than last year by forty-five. But there have also been fewer removals: three hundred and sixty-nine deaths among our membership, thirty-three less—and three hundred and one dismissions, nineteen less—than were reported a year ago. There have been forty removed by discipline, against thirty-five last year. There have been four hundred and forty-five adults baptized, a falling off from last year of one hundred and twenty-five; but, curiously enough, the infants baptized number one hundred and forty-two, the same as last year.

We note an increase of two hundred and thirty-three communicants, after subtracting the losses from the gains. Last year we counted larger net gains, three hundred and ninety-one; the year before, eight hundred and fifty-one; the year before that, nine hundred and twenty-seven. We must go back five years, to 1875, to find as small growth as we have made during the past twelve months. In 1875 our clear gain was but ninety-eight, against two hundred and thirty-three this year. And since 1875, by small but steady advances, our total membership has been swelled from nineteen thousand four hundred and seventy-nine, to the number we now count, twenty-one thousand six hundred and fifty-six an increase of upwards of two thousand members in five years, or more than ten per cent. When we bear in mind the fact that during the preceding five years—that is, between 1870 and 1875—we lost three hundred and sixty-one members, we see that there is much to rejoice over, and be grateful for, in the present exhibit.

Those churches which report a net gain in membership number eighty-three; those which have neither gained nor lost, among which we class the few from which we have been unable to hear, sixty; and one hundred and one report a net loss. Looking at these gains and losses by Conferences, we find that in Piscataquis, where we meet, four churches have gained, four are unchanged, and two have lost. In Somerset, only one church has gained, six remain as they were, and five are smaller. In Union Conference, six churches gain, two are as last year, and nine lose. In Waldo, only one gains, four remain unchanged, and six are diminished. In Washington Conference, seven have made increase, one holds its own. and eleven have fallen behind. In York, five have gained members, eight are as last year, and fifteen churches report a loss. Aroostook reports six churches which gain, one remains stationary, and one loses. Cum-

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berland tells of eleven which have increased, four are unchanged, and seven have lost. In Cumberland North, six churches have grown, one is the same, and fourteen are smaller. Franklin reports gain in one church, no change in four, and loss in five. In Hancock, five gain, five hold their own, and four lose. In Kennebec, five gain, six neither gain nor lose, and three lose. In Lincoln and Sagadahoc, ten have grown larger, six are as last year, and six are less. In Oxford, five report increase, three no change, and seven decrease. Of Penobscot's churches, nine gain, four remain stationary, and five lose.

Counting by Conferences, ten Conferences report net gains, amounting to two hundred and ninety-five, while five suffer net losses counting up sixty-two, leaving us with a gain, as has been said, of two hundred and thirty-three. But on comparing our total number of members with that reported last year, there appears to be a gain of only ninety-eight. This phenomenon may be partly accounted for by the fact that several churches have revised their rolls, and stricken off the names of many absentees; but this does not wholly explain it, for the total of absentees has increased by one hundred and ninety-four over last year's record. I presume the explanation is found in the carelessness with which church records are kept. One clerk, being inquired of as to the mysterious disappearance of twenty-seven of his members, writes me: "We noticed this loss of twenty-seven when I made this year's report. Former reports had been made somewhat loosely; records and papers had been mislaid; and this year we think the exhibit is correct." Doubtless there is a real gain of these two hundred and thirty-three members, and the discrepancy arises from errors previously made. It is a curious fact that we report seven less female members than last spring, while there are one hundred and five more males. Our sisters, however, still constitute seventy per cent. of our membership. They are the majority in every Conference, and in every church except two very small ones, where the men outnumber them by one.

Beginning our survey of the various Conferences with PISCATAQUIS, we find that here the churches have made a gain of nine members, or twelve compared with the published statistics of 1879. This society, of Foxcroft and Dover, have canceled their church debt, and added eight to their membership on confession of faith. Others are ready to join, and have been propounded. This church has suffered a great loss in the death of Dea. John G. Mayo, who has been a most useful deacon of it for thirteen years. He departed this life triumphantly, Dec. 9th. Within five years

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he gave nearly $3,000 towards the chapel, and about the same amount towards the church, and made generous benefactions to the church in his will. At Greenville, the clerk writes: "A sudden and exceedingly afflictive providence seemed to be followed by unusual religious interest; and at the opportune time Bro. Blanchard came and held a series of meetings. These were blessed to the quickening of the church and the salvation of some souls. The interest still continues." Brownville also reports a visit from Bro. Blanchard, with similar results; three joined the church on confession, and more will follow. Brownville society has advanced in its benevolent donations. Monson has enjoyed a time of refreshing, resulting from a union effort; quite a number were converted, chiefly members of the Sunday-school, and five have joined the church. Dexter has added seven to its membership, on confession, and its new house of worship is ready for occupancy, waiting to be paid for before being dedicated. The Blanchard people have bought and paid for an organ.

Three of the ten churches of Aroostook fail to give any account of themselves. The other seven are all supplied except one, two with pastors, and four with acting-pastors. At Caribou a pastor has been ordained and installed. Caribou has added, by confession, one, Fort Fairfield, two, Presque Isle, three, Patten, five, Sherman, ten, and Island Falls, fourteen. In the whole Conference there is a net gain of thirty-eight members. There is a falling off of $77.00 in contributions, and of thirty-eight in the number reported in Sunday-schools. Caribou reports conversions in connection with union meetings; Patten the same, and the church-building repaired. At Island Falls there has been much interest. This church taxes its members according to their property for support of the gospel. It has added nineteen, of whom fourteen joined on confession, more than doubling its membership. Houlton has lost by removal several useful members, including two deacons.

In Penobscot one minister has been ordained and installed, one ordained as evangelist, and one installed. Two pastors have been dismissed. There is an advance of twenty-five in the number of members, of two hundred and twenty-seven, over ten per cent., in attendance at Sunday-schools, (one hundred of which is at Brewer,) also of $121.00 in benevolence. The report mentions unusual religious interest in Hampden, where thirteen have joined the church on confession, and two by letter;

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also at East Bangor, where eleven have joined on confession. To the two churches in Brewer, sixteen have been added on confession and seven by letter; to the three in Bangor, eighteen on confession and twenty-one by letter. Oldtown and Orono have added each five on confession, East Orrington, four, Holden, three.

"Rev. Benjamin G. Snow, a minister without charge, spent his last days in Brewer, his native place, entering into his rest on the 1st day of May last. He accomplished a great work for the Master, establishing missions in the Micronesian Islands, reducing the language to form, and educating, civilizing and Christianizing, thousands of those people. His works do follow him."

"The Young People's Sociable in Brewer have expended $500 in enlarging and repairing the chapel, and the two ladies' circles have bought and paid for a parsonage. The church in Dedham have made some repairs upon their edifice. A Congregational Club was organized in Bangor Dec. 11th. Its members, ministers and laymen, of Bangor and vicinity, meet monthly for social intercourse and the discussion of practical subjects."

Somerset Conference has made a net gain of nine members; outside of Skowhegan, a loss of seventeen. Skowhegan also gains $157.00 in benevolence, but the remainder of the Conference loses $255.00 from last year. Of twelve churches, seven are vacant, one has a pastor, and three acting-pastors. Six of the Sunday-schools reckoned in Somerset Conference are union schools, and do not wholly belong to our denomination. Only two churches have received any additions during the year, and Skowhegan alone has made a gain. In that church, twenty-eight have been added upon confession of faith, and four by letter. Twenty-five of the converts received baptism. The minister at Skowhegan, in answer to inquiries, writes me as follows: "The ingathering was in a large measure the result of a revival the previous spring, *i. e.*, one year ago, when workers from the Y. M. C. A. were with us. And yet, twenty out of the twenty-eight who have come in were not the direct fruits of that work. Some of them had taken a decided stand previously, and others were only confirmed in their Christian choice. Eleven were from the Sunday-school, between the ages of twelve and fifteen years. These eleven had previously signed a children's covenant card. The secret power was, faithful work in and with the Sunday-school by teachers and pastor. We hold no regular young people's meetings; but occasional Sunday-

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school prayer-meetings, at which are present the children and youths and their teachers. We help them thus to take a stand for Christ, and crystallize the impressions and instructions of the school. This work in the Sunday-school imparts a warmth to the regular prayer-meetings, and creates a longing for souls, which reaches out into personal effort, so that the adults are moved also. In this number of reported additions, we have five husbands and fathers, and ten wives and mothers." At the close of this interesting account, the brother adds the suggestion: "We need a county missionary to labor Sundays and week-days with our feeble churches, which are not likely otherwise to be reached or strengthened."

In FRANKLIN Conference one pastor has been installed over two churches. There is a net loss of two members by this year's figures, but of seventeen compared with the last report. A small diminution has taken place in the Sunday-schools and in benevolent contributions.

Farmington has enjoyed some conversions, and four have been added on confession. Also at Farmington Falls converts are reported, who have not yet joined the church. Four have been added at Wilton, fruits of the labors of a praying-band: and there and at Weld they look for more accessions. Farmington, Strong and Weld have repaired their houses of worship, and Farmington Falls reports the completion of a beautiful church-edifice.

OXFORD Conference reports a net gain of twenty members, and a gain in the number of families of seventy-seven. Also a gain in benevolence of $117.00, or twenty-five cent. above last year. Pastors have been installed at Bethel 1st, and Gilead. Norway 2d has added on confession, eighteen members, Gilead, eleven, Shelburne, N. H., eight, Sumner, six.

UNION Conference comprises seventeen churches situated in Oxford and Cumberland counties. It appears to have gained three members, though compared with last year's figures, it loses twenty-three. There is a shrinkage of one hundred and thirty-five in the Sunday-schools, and of $48.00 in the contributions. Considerable increase is reported in home expenditures. Fryeburg has bought a parsonage, at an expense of $1,500. Eight churches are vacant, two have the same pastor, six have acting-pastors, and one is supplied by a licentiate. There has been

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a large accession at Bridgton, where twenty-one have been added on confession; also five each at Denmark and Fryeburg, and four each at Albany, Lovell and Waterford.

CUMBERLAND NORTH furnishes returns from each of its twenty-one churches. Credit for this fact is due to the reporter, who, when letters and postals failed to elicit a response, went in person and procured the desired facts. Only one church in this large conference appears to be vacant. Eight have pastors, eleven have acting-pastors. New Gloucester has dismissed and installed a pastor; Freeport has ordained and installed one; and one has been installed at Brunswick. The number of families connected with the various congregations has increased one hundred and twenty-eight; there has also been an advance of $918 in benevolent contributions. The churches which have added the most members are High Street, Auburn, fifteen by confession, four by letter; Sixth Street, Auburn, twelve by confession, one by letter; Turner, five, Brunswick, four, Durham, three.

In CUMBERLAND Conference two ministers have been removed, and three have been added, one of whom has been installed. There is an apparent loss of twenty-one members, but a real gain of seventy-six. The discrepancy is due to a revision of its lists by the Second church of Portland. All but four of the twenty-two churches give to Foreign Missions, and but three to Home Missions; while of those which do not give, two are practically extinct. This is an encouraging advance upon former years. No revival is reported in any church, though there are additions in many. There have been added on confession ninety-seven. Falmouth First, Gorham, St. Lawrence Street, Portland, and Westbrook, report each four; Cape Elizabeth, and Plymouth, Portland, each six; High Street, Portland, nine; Scarboro twelve; Williston, Portland, seventeen; and Second, Portland, eighteen. The largest gains by letter have been five at Gorham, eight each at State Street, and High Street, Portland, seventeen at Williston, Portland, and twenty-three at Portland Second. Two-thirds of the net gain in the Cumberland Conference during the year is in these two churches last named, which lead all the others in additions both by confession and by letter. The report from Williston church says: "Much religious interest followed the week of prayer, resulting in the addition to fifteen to the church by confession, while more are to come."

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There is added the remarkable statement: "No communion season has passed, for nearly four years, without additions to the church."

The clerk of the church at Ligonia mentions their continued indebtedness to our Moderator, for his ministry in that field. We ought not to expect too much of an overworked layman who assumes a pastoral charge, especially if he has the general oversight of the churches, literary institutions, benevolent enterprises, and all other activities of our denomination. But the old proverb advises, "If you would have a thing done, apply to a busy man." And the Ligonia church evidently prospers under the care of our banker preacher. It has added during the year four by confession, and nine by letter. Two of the oldest and most faithful female members have died.

Saccarappa Church, with the help of Mr. Edward Kimball, has paid a burdensome debt of $5,600. A very fine organ has been placed in Williston Ch., Portland, at a cost of $2,700; one at Deering, Woodford's Corner, at a cost of $1,000. The Congregational Club at Portland, of which our Moderator is Secretary, grows in interest and numbers, and by its good-fellowship and admirable literary exercises is doing a noble work in edifying and unifying our people.

York Conference is the largest as regards the number of its churches, twenty-eight. But of these only five, less than one-fifth, have settled pastors. There is a remarkable contrast in this respect between the adjacent Conferences of York and Cumberland. Out of twenty-two churches in Cumberland Conference, fourteen have settled pastors; in York Conference only five out of twenty-eight. In other words, while sixty-four per cent. of the Cumberland churches have a settled ministry, only eighteen per cent. of those in York are thus favored. And to make up the number of five pastors, we have included one who is not yet installed, and another who was installed since the date of the report.

There has been a change of pastors at Biddeford Second, an ordination at Sanford, and an installation at Wells. Returns have been received from all the twenty-eight churches except the First at Biddeford, which is small and vacant. There has been a net loss to the membership of the Conference during the year of thirty, and a decrease in benevolent contributions of $340. There is an apparent falling off of $4,000 in home expenditures, which is probably due to imperfect returns, many churches neglecting to state this item. The gains in membership

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the past year are distributed as follows: Wells and Acton each two added by confession, gain of one; Lebanon, four by confession, gain of two; Limerick, one by confession, seven by letter, gain of four; Union, Kennebunk, twelve by letter, gain of eight. The report says: "No special religious interest in any church in York Conference; an average degree of outward prosperity, in few instances an increase in congregations and Sunday-schools."

LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOC furnishes a report from each of its twenty-two churches. There has been a net gain of sixty-eight to the membership, and an advance of $162 in benevolence. Two pastors have been installed, over Bath Central and Warren Second, making eight, and there are nine acting-pastors. Only four churches are vacant, and they are all in places where there is regular preaching by other denominations, who fully occupy the ground. The churches specially blessed are Thomaston, which adds fourteen on confession; Warren Second, eleven, and ten by letter; and Woolwich, where thirty-two join by confession. Bath Central and Bristol each add eight; Topsham, seven; Newcastle Second, six; Wiscasset, four; and Alna, three. The Sunday-schools appear to have diminished two hundred and nineteen, and the families to have gained seventy-three. There is a gain in contributions of $162.

KENNEBEC has gained twenty-six members. Only two of the fourteen churches are reported as vacant, and these two have only a name to live. The advances the past year in Kennebec Conference have been mostly in the smaller churches. Monmouth has had an awakening and a number converted, half of whom are married persons, and some will soon unite with the church. Benton and Pittston have installed pastors; Benton for the first time in its history, while Pittston has not had a pastor for twenty-two years, and has been without preaching a large part of the time. In Benton the membership has been more than doubled, by additions of twenty-one on confession, twenty of whom were baptized, and three by letter. Augusta and Winthrop each received four on confession, Waterville, three, Hallowell and Litchfield each two. This conference has advanced $516.00 in benevolence, and added slightly to the number reported in Sunday-schools.

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HANCOCK Conference has enjoyed no revivals during the year, but there has been a good degree of interest in some of the churches. The reporter says, "The pastor on Mount Desert Island is abundant in labors, preaching sometimes to ten different congregations in the course of eight weeks, and making every school-house a gospel light-house." There has been a net gain in the conference of twenty-one. Blue Hill, Bucksport and Orland each received ten, and Ellsworth six. Hancock Conference reports more than treble its usual amount of benevolent contributions. The increase is in the church at Castine, which reports six times as much as in 1879, owing to bequests left by the late Dea. Samuel Adams.

The returns from WALDO Conference, which came in last of all, are too imperfect to allow of any summing up. So far as the facts are given, the losses exceed the gains by thirteen.

WASHINGTON Conference loses three members. The Sunday-schools lose one hundred and eighty-nine persons, the benevolent contributions, $389. A branch church, connected with the church at Cherryfield, was organized October 5th, at Steuben, composed of seven ladies, all of whom joined on confession of faith. Two ladies more, also, joined by confession a week ago last Sunday, making a present membership of nine. The church at Cherryfield, together with this female branch church at Steuben, have ordained and installed a pastor. We have scriptural warrant for expecting that upon these sisters at Steuben as a foundation, a noble church will yet be built up; for the Psalmist prayed "that our daughters, also, may be as corner-stones, polished after the similitude of a palace." The conferences are well attended in this wide county, some persons driving seventy miles to be present, and at the recent annual conference at Cherryfield more than one hundred were in attendance from out of town. Dennysville gains twelve members, Machiasport, seven, Machias, East Machias and Princeton each four. Eleven churches are vacant, four have pastors, and five have acting-pastors.

To sum up: We have about the same number of active ministers as a year ago, and an increase of eight pastors, not counting a number who have been installed since the 2d of May. Seventeen installations have taken place, of which eleven were also ordinations, and five have been ordained without being installed. The advance in the number of pastors

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is very gratifying, and indicates a healthy tendency among our churches to secure for themselves a settled ministry.

A somewhat larger number of churches than ten years since have made benevolent contributions, which is worthy of notice, when we reflect that money was more easily procured then than now. There is an increase over last year in the total benevolence of about $8,000, chiefly owing to the gifts of the late Dea. Adams, of Castine. But leaving those gifts out of account, there has been an advance. Omitting from both years the amount contributed from Castine, we have given within the past twelvemonth to education $250 more, to Foreign Missions $392 more, to the American Missionary Association $440 more, and the gifts for Home Missions have increased $2,193. As a practical offset, we have given $984 less to the Congregational Union, and $225 less to the various charities grouped under the head of "other objects." But the total increase, besides the large bequests in Castine, is $2,142. Taking the record as it stands, the gain in benevolence over last year is twenty-four per cent. Home expenditures remain about the same. In the case of the churches which report both, benevolent contributions average about one-fifth of the amount expended at home.

We cannot but be struck with the great list of our absentees, four thousand five hundred and three. Their number has increased within the year, and is steadily swelling in every Conference. These thousands of our church members appear to be living somewhere with no feeling of responsibility, and for the most part practically outside the church. What a waste is here of Christian influence and usefulness! Some of our churches, tired of carrying on their books a multitude of names of persons of whose present characters, and even whereabouts, they know nothing, have erased them by dozens from their rolls. Others have got rid of them by "re-organizing" the church, and starting afresh with none but real members. One clerk writes me that there are more than ninety names on his books from whom no report has been received for upwards of two years, and nobody knows anything about these missing ones numerous enough to constitute an average church. Something may be done to remedy this growing evil by persistent endeavors to persuade these absent ones to connect themselves with the churches near which they are located—a step evidently to the advantage of all parties concerned.

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To the angels of the hundred and one churches which report more losses than gains, the Lord Jesus says, "I know thy works." He perceives many advances and conquests not indicated by our tables. The preached Gospel, in those congregations where none appear to have been converted, has not been without success, but hearers have been comforted, directed, strengthened, and cheered. The Master's eyes are upon that large portion of ministerial usefulness and church progress that lies outside our columns of figures; nor is this portion, perhaps, the least precious in His sight.

A. L. PARK,

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Foxcroft, June 15, 1880.

[NOTE.—The totals, of the benevolent contributions in the following tables, do not always foot up the same as the aggregate of the several columns. This is owing to the fact that some churches report only their total contributions, without specifying the objects.]

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STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES,

For the year ending May 2, 1880.

AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE, Reported by Rev. Charles N. Sinnett.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.				Ch. Members May 2, 1880.				Added dur'g yr.			Removed dur'g year.								Contributions. (Dollars.)							
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor, Acting Pastor, Licentiate.	Ordained.	Installed, or Present Ministry commenced.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismission.	Discipline.	Total.	Baptized—Adults.	Baptized—Infants.	Sabbath School, Whole No. May, 1880.	Families, May, 1880.	Foreign Missions.	College and Education.	Congregational Union.	Home Missions.	Am. Miss'y Association.	Other Objects.	Total Amount.	Home Expenditures.
Caribou	1869 July 18	Richard S. Whidden	P.	1879 Nov. 19	1879 Nov. 19	13	20	33	4	1	6	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	....	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	30
Carroll and Springfield	1846 Mar. 14	Vacant	....	....	....	4	10	14	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fort Fairfield	1844 Oct. 8	John B. Wheelwright	A.P.	1851 Oct. 15	1880 Jan. 9	28	32	60	7	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	120	....	0	0	0	0	0	27	27	0
Houlton	1833 Jan. 24	Zenas Crowell	P.	1877 Dec. 19	1877 Dec. 19	18	32	50	14	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	3	140	53	10	0	13	15	10	9	57	800
Island Falls	1859 Sept. 21	Charles N. Sinnett	A.P.	1875 May 31	1880 Jan. 1	14	19	33	3	14	5	19	0	0	0	0	0	11	42	22	0	0	0	10	0	26	36	.....
Lee	1863 July 10	Vacant	....	....	....	2	6	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Passadumkeag	1845 Mar. 1	Vacant	....	....	....	2	6	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Patten	1840 Mar. 1	Charles N. Sinnett	A..P	1875 May 31	1880 Jan. 1	12	34	46	0	5	0	5	1	3	0	4	2	0	50	25	0	0	0	15	0	15	30	200
Presque Isle	1865 July 25	Vacant	....	....	....	6	16	22	3	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	60	....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	250
Sherman (Washburn Memorial ch.)	1861 May 29	William A. Merrill	A.P.	1852 Oct. 27	1876 Jan. 1	69	39	108	33	10	1	11	2	0	0	2	10	0	200	75	0	0	3	9	0	15	27	150
Ten.						168	214	382	69	35	12	47	3	6	0	9	26	3	712	175	10	0	16	76	10	68	130	1430

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CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE, Reported by Rev. H. S. Huntington.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.				Ch. Members May 2, 1880.				Added dur'g y'r.			Removed dur'g year.				Baptized—Adults.	Baptized—Infants.	Sabbath School, Whole No. May, 1880.	Families, May, 1880.	Contributions. (Dollars.)						
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor, Acting Pastor, Licentiate.	Ordained.	Installed, or Present Ministry commenced.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismission.	Discipline.	Total.					Foreign Missions.	College and Education.	Congregational Union.	Home Missions.	Am. Miss'y Association.	Other Objects.	Total Amount.	Home Expenditures.
Baldwin and Sebago	1821 May 16	[Francis S. Williston]	Lic.	....	1880 June 6	9	35	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	70	0	0	0	13	6	0	19	0
Cape Elizabeth, First	1734 Sept. 10	Edwin A. Harlow	P.	1863 Aug. 26	1871 Nov. 21	15	47	62	13	6	1	7	0	0	0	0	6	2	140	175	9	0	0	14	0	0	23	875
Cape Elizabeth, (Ligonia)	1869 Mar. 14	William E. Gould	Lay.	.....	1877 May	38	60	98	3	4	9	13	2	2	6	10	0	5	150	34	66	0	0	20	0	0	86	748
Deering, First	1765 Apr. 8	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	2	8	10	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deering, Woodford's Cor.	1872 Sept. 4	William A. Bosworth	P.	1871 Oct. 1	1875 Nov. 10	33	70	103	16	0	1	1	1	3	0	4	0	3	185	125	35	0	0	57	46	27	165	1400
Falmouth, First	1754 June	Arthur N. Ward	P.	1879 Feb. 25	1879 Feb. 25	25	86	111	24	4	2	6	3	3	0	6	4	0	82	84	27	0	0	48	15	10	100	600
Falmouth, Second	1830 Sept 15	William H. Haskell	A.P.	1863 Mar. 17	1869 Jan. 1	27	68	95	35	1	1	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	80	100	31	0	0	6	30	31	98	700
Gorham	1750 Apr. 4	Henry S. Huntington	P.	1866 Jan. 31	1877 June 11	72	184	256	60	4	5	9	2	6	0	8	4	6	267	215	272	21	79	150	110	120	752	2800
Portland. Second Parish	1787 Nov. 30	Charles A. Dickinson	P.	1879 Sept. 25	1879 Sept. 25	91	337	428	73	18	23	41	8	8	0	16	10	5	501	218	240	0	...	.....	.....	.....	500	17710
Portland. High Street	1831 Sept. 9	William H. Fenn	P.	1859 Feb. 20	1866 July 25	107	296	403	64	9	8	17	3	7	0	10	5	7	291	207	779	21	0	640	150	3042	4632	7280
Portland. Fourth(Abyssinian)	1835 Aug. 7	John G. Wilson	A.P.	1851 Dec. 12	1880 Feb. 15	4	8	12	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Portland. Bethel	1840 Sept. 24	Francis Southworth	P.	1857 Oct. 28	1866 June 11	36	48	84	36	3	0	3	2	2	0	4	1	2	100	13	175	0	6	0	0	0	181	1300
Portland. State Street	1852 Mar. 17	Edward Y. Hincks	P.	1870 Oct. 18	1870 Oct. 18	125	286	411	50	3	8	11	3	5	0	8	1	5	283	210	625	100	100	664	396	509	2395	2321
Portland. St. Lawrence Street	1858 Feb. 19	Abiel H. Wright	P.	1866 Nov. 1	1871 Apr. 19	77	125	202	37	4	3	7	1	6	0	7	0	4	255	90	48	0	0	37	0	26	111	4000
Portland. West	1862 Sept. 17	John F. Morgan	A.P.	1865 July 27	1874 Nov. 8	18	46	64	19	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	125	50	4	0	0	16	3	1	24	700
Portland. Plymouth	1869 Dec. 29	Herbert W. Lathe	P.	1877 Sept. 27	1877 Sept. 27	75	175	250	48	6	4	10	9	14	0	23	3	0	175	100	184	0	0	94	80	142	500	3000
Portland. Williston	1873 Feb. 5	Frank E. Clark	P.	1876 Oct. 19	1876 Oct. 19	58	163	221	16	17	17	34	1	3	1	5	10	12	342	244	98	0	106	165	0	160	529	6200
Scarborough	1728 June 26	Fred de Bos	A.P.	1874 July 20	1879 Apr. 1	20	38	58	12	12	2	14	1	0	0	1	7	0	70	41	68	0	0	53	33	0	154	650
Standish	1834 Feb. 5	John P. Trowbridge	P.	1874 Sept. 17	1874 Sept. 17	4	34	38	14	0	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	1	46	55	22	0	0	19	3	0	44	620
Westbrook, Saccarappa	1832 Jan. 17	Henry B. Mead	P.	1871 June 7	1875 Feb. 10	37	99	136	8	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	1	13	210	135	25	0	0	25	25	12	87	7200
Westbrook, Warren ch.	1869 Sept. 30	Edward S. Tead	P.	1878 Sept. 17	1878 Sept. 17	35	57	92	22	4	4	8	0	0	0	0	2	1	224	100	30	0	0	5	10	55	100	1426
Windham	1743 Dec. 14	Luther Wiswall	P.	1837 Aug. 12	1854 Sept. 20	15	46	61	11	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	35	33	0	0	0	20	6	7	33	575
Twenty-two.						923	2316	3239	565	97	91	188	44	60	8	112	55	66	3596	2313	2738	142	291	2046	913	4142	10527	59905

CUMBERLAND NORTH CONFERENCE, Reported by Rev. T. S. Perry.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.			Ch. Members May 2, 1880.				Added dur'g yr.			Removed dur'g year.							Contributions. (Dollars.)								
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor, Acting Pastor, Licentiate.	Ordained.	Installed or Present Ministry commenced.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismission.	Discipline.	Total.	Baptized—Adults.	Baptized—Infants.	Sabbath School. Whole No. May, 1880.	Families, May, 1880.	Foreign Missions.	College and Education.	Congregational Union.	Home Missions.	Am. Miss'y Association.	Other Objects.	Total Amount.	Home Expenditures.
Auburn, High Street	1826 Feb. 8	Anson P. Tinker	P.	1873 Oct. 16	1873 Oct. 16	136	262	398	140	15	4	19	7	8	0	15	14	0	250	....	350	0	27	250	0	398	1025	4400
Auburn, Sixth Street	1875 Sept.16	Lauriston Reynolds	A.P.	1875 Sept.16	1875 June 1	28	32	60	14	12	1	13	0	3	0	3	0	0	150	100	10	0	0	5	0	0	15	700
Auburn, West	1844 Apr. 30	Joseph S. Cogswell	A.P.	1868 Nov. 18	1875 Oct. 31	40	64	104	37	0	0	0	4	1	1	6	0	0	60	57	20	0	0	8	9	13	50	763
Brunswick	1747 June	William P. Fisher	P.	1873 Feb. 2	1879 Oct. 22	54	186	240	45	4	6	10	4	4	0	8	4	1	181	190	244	8	0	91	0	104	447	2325
Cumberland	1793 Sept.15	Trueman S. Perry	A.P.	1873 June18	1874 July 26	43	92	135	24	2	0	2	3	1	0	4	2	0	130	100	95	0	22	40	33	15	205	950
Durham	1776 Mar. 9	Richard Wickett	A.P.	1877 Dec. 5	1879 July 1	10	17	27	8	3	0	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	55	30	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	275
Freeport	1789 Dec. 21	Preston B. Wing	P.	1880 Jan. 28	1880 Jan. 28	25	92	117	20	0	2	2	1	2	0	3	0	0	123	120	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Freeport, South	1857 July 9	Vacant				24	65	89	17	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	0	40	60	52	0	0	38	45	66	201	200
Gray	1803 Oct. 2	Ebenezer Bean	A.P.	1862 Mar. 5	1877 Feb. 1	22	51	73	11	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	62	50	5	0	0	20	0	0	25	750
Harpswell	1753	Elijah Kellogg	A.P.	1844 June18	1871	27	51	78	18	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	43	36	4	0	0	9	0	0	13	190
Lewiston, Pine Street	1854 Aug. 8	George S. Dickerman	P.	1868 Aug. 5	1874 Mar. 12	110	249	359	102	1	11	12	5	5	0	10	1	4	225	225	143	437	7	307	246	29	1169	3734
Mechanic Falls	1840 June15	Frederick E. Emrich	P.	1875 Sept.16	1877 July 25	13	43	56	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	85	40	0	0	0	15	0	0	15	575
Minot Centre	1791 Sept. 8	Lauriston Reynolds	A.P.	1875 Sept.16	1879 Sept.21	40	71	111	50	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	50	23	42	0	0	14	0	0	56	208
Minot West, and Hebron	1802 Oct. 18	Vacant				9	12	21	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Gloucester	1765 Jan. 16	Francis D. Kelsey	P.	1874 July 7	1880 Apr. 6	53	108	191	39	1	0	1	3	2	0	5	1	0	135	150	140	0	0	0	0	0	140	1050
North Yarmouth	1806 Sept.30	Henry H. Osgood	A.P.	1875 Sept. 3	1880 May 16	48	54	102	19	2	0	2	4	0	0	4	1	0	80	75	5	0	30	8	5	47	95	862
Poland	1825 Nov. 2	Frederick E. Emrich	A.P.	1875 Sept.16	1878 May 1	7	17	24	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	37	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
Pownal	1811 Mar. 20	Richard Wickett	A.P.	1877 Dec. 5	1879 July 1	16	41	57	25	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	0	70	45	3	0	0	8	0	0	11	300
Turner	1803 Oct. 18	Edwin S. Tingley	A.P.	1871 Feb. 1	1877 Apr. 1	38	59	97	9	5	1	6	2	3	0	5	2	0	80	51	0	0	6	22	2	24	54	.....
Yarmouth, First	1730 Nov. 18	Joseph Torrey	P.	1860 May 30	1875 Mar. 3	87	181	268	35	3	1	4	3	3	0	6	1	1	175	181	247	60	55	88	71	185	706	1500
Yarmouth, Central	1859 Apr. 27	Francis W. Sanborn	P.	1878 Dec. 18	1878 Dec. 18	20	38	58	5	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	50	69	75	0	0	53	0	0	128	1420
Twenty-one.						880	1785	2665	637	48	26	74	49	37	1	87	26	6	2081	1652	1435	505	147	960	411	881	4359	20252

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FRANKLIN CONFERENCE, Reported by Dea. Edward P. Packard.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.				Ch. Members May 2, 1880.				Added dur'g yr.			Removed dur'g year.								Contributions. (Dollars.)							
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor, Acting Pastor, Licentiate.	Ordained.	Installed, or Present Ministry commenced.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismission.	Discipline.	Total.	Baptized—Adults.	Baptized—Infants.	Sabbath School, Whole No. May, 1880.	Families, May, 1880.	Foreign Missions.	College and Education.	Congregational Union.	Home Missions.	Am. Miss'y Association.	Other Objects.	Total Amount.	Home Expenditures.
Farmington	1814 Oct. 14	Albert W. Moore	A. P.	1873 Jan. 22	1879 Mar. 1	80	172	252	35	4	3	7	3	5	0	8	0	0	240	115	19	0	0	53	20	140	232	2000
Farmington Falls	1859 Mar. 5	Caleb L. Rotch	P.	1879 Oct. 8	1879 Oct. 8	8	22	30	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	60	25	2	0	0	7	2	34	45	.....
Industry	1808 July 5	Vacant				17	19	36	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	25	0	0	0	20	0	0	20	.....
New Sharon	1801 Feb. 11	Caleb L. Rotch	P.	1879 Oct. 8	1879 Oct. 8	39	77	116	26	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	85	45	2	0	0	13	2	0	17	700
New Vineyard	1828 Sept. 3	[Jabez Backus]	Lic.	.....	1879 May 1	8	11	19	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	40	12	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	.....
Phillips	1822 Oct. 9	[Jabez Backus]	Lic.	.....	1879 May 1	4	11	15	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	....	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....
Strong	1810 Mar. 3	J. Loring Pratt	A. P.	1867 Nov. 7	1875 July 1	35	57	92	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	111	52	0	0	0	5	0	16	21	.....
Temple	1805 Sept. 19	[Frederic G. Chutter]	Lic.	.....	.....	24	46	70	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	75	35	5	0	4	15	0	0	24	150
Weld	1809 Aug. 17	Henry Farrar	A. P.	1867 Nov. 6	1879 Aug. 31	18	28	46	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47	22	0	0	4	15	0	11	30	.....
Wilton	1819 Feb. 16	Uriah W. Small	A. P.	1859 Sept. 22	1876 July 1	28	61	89	32	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	3	0	50	25	23	1	10	35	7	0	76	586
Ten.						261	504	765	170	8	4	12	7	7	0	14	3	1	758	367	51	1	18	168	31	201	470	3436

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HANCOCK CONFERENCE, Reported by Rev. Daniel W. Hardy.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.				Ch. Members May 2, 1880.				Added dur'g yr.			Removed dur'g year.							Contributions. (Dollars.)							
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Pastor, Acting Pastor, Licentiate.	Ordained.	Installed, or Present Ministry commenced.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismission.	Discipline.	Total.	Baptized—Adults.	Baptized—Infants.	Sabbath School, Whole No. May, 1880.	Families, May, 1880.	Foreign Missions.	College and Education.	Congregational Union.	Home Missions.	Am. Miss'y Association.	Other Objects.	Total Amount.	Home Expenditures.
Amherst and Aurora	1830 Sept. 14	[George E. Merrill]	Lic.		1879 July 1	13	37	50	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	....	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	.....
Bluehill	1772 Oct. 7	Daniel W. Hardy	A.P.	1874 Oct. 20	1877 Oct. 7	32	72	104	25	3	7	10	2	0	0	2	3	1	110	50	15	0	0	11	15	6	47	.....
Brooksville, West	1826 June 4	George S. Kemp	A.P.	1856 Feb. 28	1877 May 4	36	66	102	15	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	100	46	0	0	0	0	8	0	8	.....
Bucksport	1803 May 12	William Forsyth	P.	1870 Sept. 15	1870 Sept 15	33	106	139	24	5	5	10	1	3	0	4	5	0	175	100	73	0	0	137	0	340	550	1500
Castine	1820 July 27	Lewis J. Thomas	P.	1878 June 18	1878 June 18	21	74	95	22	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	115	60	1555	10	20	1025	843	3300	6753	953
Deer Isle, First	1773 Aug. 1	Hiram Houston	A.P.	1850 Sept. 25	1868 Apr. 5	51	135	186	10	1	0	1	4	0	0	4	0	0	200	65	0	0	0	30	0	0	30	.....
Deer Isle, Second	1858 Dec. 1	Alfred E. Ives	A.P.	1838 Sept. 25	1880 June 1	8	22	30	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	9	37
Ellsworth	1812 Sept. 8	Charles J. H. Ropes	P.	1877 Aug. 15	1877 Aug. 15	39	134	173	40	3	3	6	3	0	0	3	0	5	135	130	40	0	0	71	0	72	183	200
Isle au Haut	1857 May 7	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	1	11	12	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....
Orland	1850 Sept. 25	William Forsyth	A.P.	1870 Sept. 15	1878 July 1	20	72	92	14	8	2	10	0	0	0	0	8	1	210	0	50	0	0	0	50	0	100	300
Sedgwick & Brooksville	1793 July 8	George S. Kemp	A.P.	1856 Feb 28	1877 May 4	10	16	26	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	60	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	10	.....
Sedgwick Village	1847 Oct 28	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	6	7	13	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....
Somesville	1876 Dec. 21	Albert N. Jones	P.	1872 Feb. 8	1879 May 18	6	19	25	0	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	1	1	40	0	0	0	8	0	13	0	0	21	.....
Tremont, (Mt. Desert)	1792 Oct. 17	Albert N. Jones	A.P.	1872 Feb. 8	1879 May 18	15	59	74	13	0	0	0	4	1	0	5	0	0	60	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	8	....
Fourteen.						291	830	1121	188	22	21	43	18	4	0	22	17	9	1275	451	1733	18	20	1310	916	3727	7724	4790

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Augusta	1794 Oct. 7	James H. Ecob	P.	1872 Oct. 2	1872 Oct. 2	76	214	290	41	4	1	5	2	1	0	3	3	0	241	180	306	10	0	491	68	280	1155	3800
Benton	1858 July 16	Alexander Wiswall	P.	1879 Sept. 24	1879 Sept. 24	12	44	56	16	21	3	24	2	0	0	2	20	0	70	50	0	0	0	11	0	0	11	556
Clinton	1858 July 15	Vacant				2	6	8	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100
Gardiner	1835 July 28	Austin L. Park	P.	1864 Feb. 2	1864 Feb. 2	36	117	153	43	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	0	90	100	85	27	0	88	17	0	217	1250
Hallowell	1790 Feb. 25	Charles A. White	P.	1873 Sept. 3	1878 Oct. 24	36	124	160	28	2	5	7	3	0	0	3	1	1	150	150	199	0	0	196	100	20	515	1370
Litchfield	1811 June 6	Josiah T. Hawes	A. P.	1828 Jan. 23	1865 July 1	22	39	61	16	2	0	2	3	0	0	3	1	1	40	25	11	19	0	20	10	3	63	310
Monmouth	1853 May 17	[Charles E. Andrews]	Lic.			13	28	41	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	35	0	0	0	33	0	0	33	400
Pittston	1812 Nov. 17	David L. Davis	P.	1880 Mar. 24	1880, Mar. 24	3	16	19	0	0	2	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	60	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	375
Richmond	1827 Feb. 8	William C. Curtis	A. P.	1863 Sept. 1	1868 May 24	8	38	46	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	85	15	20	0	33	0	5	73	1000
Sidney	1829 Feb. 25	Henry S. Loring	A. P.	1850 June 20	1880 Jan.	4	7	11	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100
Vassalboro	1818 July 28	Vacant				3	11	14	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Waterville	1828 Aug. 21	Ezra N. Smith	A. P.	1872 June 12	1877 July 18	67	119	186	64	3	3	6	2	2	0	4	3	0	120	45	113	72	5	25	0	0	215	1450
Winslow	1828 Aug. 27	John Dinsmore	A. P.	1852 Nov. 18	1862 June 10	30	69	99	29	1	0	1	1	2	1	4	0	0	80	40	93	5	0	27	20	35	180	480
Winthrop	1776 Sept. 4	Warren F. Bickford	P.	1876 June 20	1876 June 20	54	111	165	32	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	3	2	125	101	153	17	13	107	6	35	331	1000
Fourteen.						366	943	1309	303	37	14	51	18	6	1	25	31	4	1076	883	975	170	18	1031	221	378	2793	12191

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Alna	1796 Sept. 27	[Henry C Robinson]...	Lic.	.....	.....	7	27	34	12	2	1	3	2	0	0	2	1	0	....	18	10	0	0	14	0	0	24	65
Bath, Winter Street	1795 Dec. 8	John O. Fiske, D. D....	P.	1843 Aug. 17	1843 Aug. 17	79	236	315	73	1	1	2	7	3	3	13	1	3	223	145	644	22	23	302	0	149	1140	3500
Bath, Central	1835 July 8	William R. Richards...	P.	1879 Oct. 16	1879 Oct. 16	40	92	132	43	5	3	8	1	3	0	4	3	0	95	98	309	0	0	245	56	41	651	700
Boothbay, First	1776 July 28	Richard W. Jenkins....	A.P.	1874 Sept. 15	1878 May 5	11	28	39	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	50	41	6	0	0	5	0	11	22	.....
Boothbay, Second	1848 Aug. 1	Richard W. Jenkins....	A.P.	1874 Sept. 15	1878 May 5	50	97	147	11	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	50	67	39	0	0	51	0	0	90	758
Bremen	1829 Mar. 3	John J. Bulfinch.....	A.P.	1860 May 23	1878 June 6	2	6	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bristol	1796 Aug. 17	Lewis D. Evans.....	A.P.	1875 June 30	1875 June 1	20	46	66	6	7	1	8	2	0	0	2	7	1	....	120	0	0	10	10	0	0	20	.....
Edgecomb	1783 June 4	Henry H. Hutchinson..	A.P.	1869 Aug. 31	1875 Nov. 14	20	70	90	21	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	9	40	45	0	0	0	16	0	0	16	688
Lisbon	1839 Dec. 18	Vacant.....	.....	.....	.....	0	9	9	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	....	....	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	.....
Newcastle, First	1799 June 4	Vacant.....	.....	.....	.....	5	11	16	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newcastle, Second	1844 May 22	William F. Obear.....	P.	1868 Oct. 14	1872 Oct. 16	64	138	202	34	6	0	6	1	0	0	1	5	0	100	88	....	....	....	....	....	....	150	1300
Phipsburg	1765 July 1	Charles G. Holyoke....	A. P.	1878 Dec. 18	1879 Oct. 12	27	55	82	13	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	55	50	5	0	0	20	0	0	25	452
Rockland	1838 Mar. 8	John J. Blair.....	A. P	1874 Oct. 22	1876 Nov. 5	14	95	109	31	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	1	121	105	105	0	0	50	16	15	186	2100
Thomaston	1809 June 15	Charles H. Pope.....	P.	1865 July 27	1878 Mar. 6	21	102	123	25	14	4	18	3	4	1	8	15	1	150	75	50	2	12	26	5	4	99	1500
Topsham	1789 June 26	Nahum W. Grover.....	A.P.	1868 Sept. 3	1875 Dec. 1	25	81	106	25	7	0	7	0	0	0	0	6	0	70	62	24	0	8	16	0	0	48	800
Union	1803 Mar. 3	Flavius V. Norcross..	P.	1860 Oct. 31	1860 Oct. 31	23	62	85	10	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	144	95	10	0	0	21	0	75	106	485
Waldoboro, First	1807 May 13	Andrew J. McLeod....	P.	1870 Sept. 28	1872 Nov. 8	40	117	157	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	175	100	35	0	0	40	0	30	105	1250
Waldoboro, Second	1856 Mar. 4	Vacant.....	.....	.....	.....	4	3	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Warren, Second	1828 Feb. 27	Jeremiah E. Pond.....	P.	1858 Jan. 28	1879 June 19	63	130	193	44	11	10	21	3	2	0	5	9	0	130	100	20	20	28	26	0	0	94	950
Washington	1817 Aug. 16	Vacant.....	.....	.....	.....	4	10	14	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wiscasset	1773 Aug. 4	William A. DePew	P.	1872 Nov. 9	1879 Jan. 14	22	63	85	3	3	1	4	3	0	0	3	1	0	116	80	22	34	9	33	11	60	169	1200
Woolwich	1765 June 12	Henry O. Thayer.....	A.P.	1866 July 26	1867 Sept. 15	29	80	109	12	32	4	36	1	1	0	2	23	0	121	53	14	0	0	21	13	0	48	650
Twenty-two.						570	1558	2128	360	91	26	117	29	16	4	49	74	15	1640	1357	1293	78	90	898	101	385	2995	16398

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Andover	1800 Nov. 8	Samuel W. Pearson	A.P.	1870 Nov. 9	1876 May 1	29	51	80	23	2	0	2	1	1	2	4	2	0	75	51	2	10	2	22	5	0	41	.....
Berlin Falls, (N. H.)	1877 Nov. 22	Arthur J. Benedict	A.P.	1875 May 25	1875 June 1	5	25	30	3	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	60	8	0	0	3	0	4	15	4
Bethel, First	1799 Oct. 7	Stephen L. Bowler	P.	1853 Jan. 5	1879 Oct. 30	50	98	148	29	0	5	5	6	4	0	10	0	3	140	80	....	....	....	....	15	39	54	.....
Bethel, Second	1849 Jan. 31	David Garland	P.	1849 Aug. 15	1849 Aug. 15	13	30	43	24	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	50	29	68	0	0	15	25	28	136	.....
Dixfield	1806 May 8	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	2	8	10	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	....	....	0	0	0	7	0	0	7	.....
Gilead	1818 June 20	Thomas P. Williams	P.	1879 Oct. 8	1879 Oct. 8	7	23	30	5	11	2	13	0	1	0	1	0	0	46	21	0	0	0	9	0	0	9	.....
Gorham, (N. H.)	1862 Mar. 18	Arthur J. Benedict	A.P.	1878 May 25	1876 June 1	9	34	43	10	2	0	2	1	2	0	3	1	0	100	68	3	0	2	3	0	5	13	450
Norway, First	1804 Oct. 6	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	12	25	37	11	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	70	11	5	2	0	11	5	15	38	100
Norway, Second	1853 Jan. 18	Edward E. Bacon	P.	1877 Sept. 13	1877 Sept. 13	40	85	125	29	18	3	21	2	5	0	7	0	0	120	130	14	0	0	14	20	19	67	.....
Oxford	1826 May 31	Frederick E. Emrich	A.P.	1875 Sept. 16	1879 July 13	16	36	52	15	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	50	35	0	0	0	6	4	0	10	25
Rumford	1803 May 5	[Samuel A. Burnaby]	Lic.	.....	1879 June 1	6	11	17	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	40	....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100
Shelburne, (N. H.)	1826 Aug. 26	Thomas P. Williams	P.	1879 Oct. 8	1879 Oct. 8	4	8	12	0	8	0	8	0	0	0	0	8	0	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
South Paris	1812 Nov. 4	Edward E. Bacon	A.P.	1877 Sept. 13	1880 Jan.	50	120	170	42	0	2	2	4	3	0	7	0	0	125	65	35	0	0	36	0	0	71	.....
Sumner	1802 Sept. 8	[Gilman Rice]	Lic.	.....	1879 Jan. 4	21	39	60	15	6	0	6	1	3	0	4	3	0	45	16	0	0	0	14	0	0	14	430
Upton	1861 Mar. 19	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	2	7	9	2	0	2	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	50	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	25
Fifteen.						266	600	866	213	50	16	66	20	24	2	46	14	7	1001	566	135	12	11	133	74	110	475	1134

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Bangor, First	1811 Nov. 27	S. Lewis B. Speare	P.	1874 Jan. 13	1878 July 1	80	206	286	47	5	11	16	5	9	0	14	3	0	219	180	78	12	0	187	73	245	595	2500
" Hammond St	1833 Dec. 5	Charles L. Mills	A. P.	1838 Oct. 1	1880 April 3	119	251	370	85	6	2	8	11	13	0	24	3	11	275	250	236	130	96	255	138	497	1352	2550
" Central	1847 April 1	George W. Field	P.	1853 Nov. 15	1864 Mar. 29	212	116	328	60	7	8	15	1	3	1	5	5	0	447	300	320	57	0	501	221	847	1946	4965
" East	1878 Aug. 7	[John A. Rowell]	St.		1879 Oct. 1	22	24	46	13	11	0	11	0	0	0	0	11	0	45	20	0	0	0	0	0	38	0	250
Brewer, First	1800 Sept. 9	Clarence A. Beckwith	P.	1878 Jan. 9	1878 Jan. 9	60	143	203	25	8	2	10	3	5	0	8	5	0	310	160	98	7	0	66	135	0	306	3450
" Village	1843 Jan. 18	Clarence S. Sargent	P.	1879 Oct. 1	1879 Oct. 1	27	72	99	12	8	5	13	0	1	0	1	9	1	132	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	400
Burlington	1827 July 12	[Edgar M. Cousins]	Lic.		1878 June 1	5	24	29	4	1	0	1	4	2	0	6	0	0	74	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	175
Dedham	1841 Dec. 13	Edward C. Crane	A. P.	1879 Sept. 3	1879 June 1	22	34	56	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	17	0	0	6	5	0	0	11	130
Dixmont and Plymouth	1861 Sept. 10	Vacant				0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	*35	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....
Hampden	1817 May 6	Arthur G. Fitz	A. P.	1875 Sept. 1	1879 Feb. 16	23	72	95	24	13	2	15	3	6	0	9	8	0	125	70	75	36	35	28	17	0	191	900
Holden	1828 Nov. 11	Edward C. Crane	A. P.	1879 Sept. 3	1878 June 7	22	48	70	9	3	0	3	1	0	0	1	3	0	100	50	8	0	0	19	0	0	27	680
Kenduskeag	1834 Dec. 23	[Charles E. Fitz]	Lic.		1880 Jan. 28	25	40	65	37	1	0	1	3	0	0	3	0	0	70	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	140
Lincoln	1831 Aug. 3	Vacant				8	16	24	0	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	25	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	120
Oldtown	1834 Sept. 24	Vacant				20	60	80	23	5	2	7	2	0	0	2	4	0	75	35	0	0	0	48	0	0	48	400
Orono	1826 May 18	Alfred J. McGown	P.	1877 July 3	1877 July 3	34	102	136	41	5	0	5	3	2	0	5	5	0	140	33	6	0	0	31	1	0	38	538
East Orrington	1834 June 12	Clarence S. Sargent	P.	1879 Oct. 1	1879 Oct. 1	28	49	77	18	4	0	4	3	3	2	8	4	0	98	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	400
Upper Stillwater	1859 Oct. 6	Alfred J. McGown	A. P.	1877 July 3	1877 June 1	1	14	15	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*25	15	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	100
Veazie	1838 June 19	Vacant				14	27	41	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*35	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100
Eighteen.						722	1299	2021	448	78	34	112	40	44	3	87	61	12	2345	1341	821	242	137	1143	585	1589	4575	17798

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Abbot	1875 Nov. 23	Gustavus W. Jones	A.P.	1869 May 27	1879 Oct.	13	15	28	5	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	0	30	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....
Atkinson	1842 Mar. 2	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	1	3	4	...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanchard	1833 Mar. 13	Rufus W. Emerson	A.P.	1856 May 25	1877 April 1	20	29	49	19	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	1	0	43	15	15	0	0	0	10	12	37	180
Brownville	1819 Aug. 24	Charles Lewis Nichols..	P.	1861 Nov. 7	1872 Feb. 20	59	116	175	36	3	2	5	3	2	0	5	1	1	109	101	14	33	9	17	116	11	191	675
Dexter	1834 Aug. 22	Jehiel S. Richards	P.	1877 June 23	1877 June 23	13	41	54	13	7	0	7	1	2	0	3	6	0	65	45	3	0	0	10	0	....	13	425
Foxcroft and Dover	1822 Dec. 30	Herbert A. Loring	P.	1875 June 10	1875 June 10	77	176	253	46	6	2	8	2	0	0	2	5	0	225	125	49	0	0	175	19	....	243	2493
Garland	1810 Mar. 1	Peter B. Thayer	P.	1848 Dec. 12	1848 Dec. 12	37	64	101	20	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	112	50	20	0	35	46	17	....	118	450
Greenville	1869 Dec. 5	Charles Davison	A.P.	1873 Oct. 21	1873 Oct. 21	15	31	46	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	60	92	0	0	43	0	10	145	480
Monson	1821 Aug. 11	Gustavus W. Jones	A.P.	1869 May 27	1878 May 5	44	56	100	30	6	1	7	2	2	0	4	3	0	75	40	23	0	0	15	20	14	72	400
Sangerville	1828 Aug. 8	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	2	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ten.						281	534	815	180	25	5	30	8	13	0	21	17	2	739	456	216	33	35	306	182	47	819	5103

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CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.				Ch. Members May 2, 1880.				Added dur'g y'r.			Removed dur'g year.				Baptized—Adults.	Baptized—Infants.	Sabbath School, Whole No. May, 1880.	Families, May, 1880.	Contributions. (Dollars.)							
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Anson	1804 April 19	Vacant				13	25	38	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	10	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	15
Athens	1867 June 6	Vacant				13	20	33	5	0	0	0	2	3	0	5	0	0	*	....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	115
Bingham	1805 July 24	Richard M. Peacock	A. P.	1879 June 23	1879 May 1	21	30	51	10	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	*	....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....
Madison	1826 April 25	Thomas G. Mitchell	A. P.	1846 Nov. 18	1851 Nov. 16	31	44	75	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	50	30	15	0	0	0	0	15	330
Madison, East	1858 Mar. 24	Vacant				7	13	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*50	....	....	..	....	....	..	....	..	.....
Mercer	1822 Oct. 30	[Fred G. Chutter]	Lic.		1878 Sept. 1	10	23	33	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	*50	11	0	0	0	8	0	0	8	.....
New Portland, North	1869 May 27	Vacant				4	8	12	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	*	....	....	..	..	....	..	....	5	100
Norridgewock	1797 Sept. 22	Benjamin Tappan, D.D.	P.	1838 Aug. 8	1858 Oct. 27	28	73	101	36	2	0	2	6	1	2	9	0	0	100	60	166	11	...	51	46	....	274	735
Skowhegan	1860 Nov. 1	Webster Woodbury	A. P.	1868 Sept. 9	1870 April 1	65	160	225	50	28	4	32	3	3	0	6	25	1	260	170	46	50	...	98	88	152	434	1700
Solon	1842 Jan. 5	Richard M. Peacock	A. P.	1879 June 23	1879 May 1	14	18	32	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	30	16	0	0	10	0	40	66	210
Solon, South	1806 Sept. 30	Vacant				1	6	7	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St. Albans	1830 June 30	William S. Sewall	A. P.	1839 Sept. 25	1864 June 10	5	16	21	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*54	10	11	0	0	3	3	8	25	.....
Twelve.						212	436	648	161	30	4	34	13	10	2	25	25	3	634	321	254	61	0	170	142	200	832	3205

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CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.				Ch. Members May 2, 1880.				Added dur'g yr.			Removed dur'g year.								Contributions. (Dollars.)							
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Albany	1803 Sept. 15	Albert L. Payson	A.P.	1838 June 9	1879 Nov. 26	18	34	52	17	4	0	4	1	1	0	2	4	0	80	30	5	0	0	23	0	0	28	275
Bridgton	1784 Aug. 26	Osgood W. Rogers	A.P.	1876 June 21	1878 Nov. 1	46	117	163	40	21	1	32	7	2	0	9	21	0	159	100	7	0	10	11	7	31	66	1300
Bridgton, North	1832 Nov. 15	Nehemiah Lincoln	P.	1872 May 15	1872 May 15	16	44	60	11	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	92	50	6	0	0	13	0	55	74	454
Bridgton, South	1829 Dec. 30	Vacant				32	59	91	21	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	25	46	10	0	0	23	0	3	36	256
Brownfield	1804 Oct. 1	Ebenezer S. Jordan	A.P.	1857 Dec. 17	1874 Mch. 20	18	35	53	17	1	0	1	4	0	1	5	0	0	60	32	0	0	0	20	0	0	20	400
Casco	1864 Sept. 19	Vacant				9	8	17	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35
Denmark	1829 July 5	[Charles W. Shelton]	Lic.		1879 May 1	7	38	45	12	5	0	5	1	0	3	4	5	0	25	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	95
Fryeburg	1775 Aug. 21	Javan K. Mason, D. D.	A.P.	1849 Jan. 18	1877 Aug. 1	42	92	134	32	5	7	12	6	3	0	9	5	0	90	81	16	0	0	11	13	21	61	1426
Harrison	1826 Feb. 15	Nehemiah Lincoln	P.	1872 May 15	1872 May 15	20	27	47	14	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	60	25	5	0	0	8	0	0	13	250
Hiram	1826 Oct. 26	Albert Cole	A.P.	1847 Mar. 25	1874 Oct. 4	2	15	17	1	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	2	0	50	30	13	1	0	5	17	0	36	180
Lovell	1798 Oct. 6	Lewis Goodrich	A. P.	1850 Jan. 1	1878 Dec. 20	41	87	128	38	4	1	5	2	4	0	6	3	0	100	38	0	0	0	34	1	0	35	740
Naples	1858 Aug. 10	Vacant				6	22	28	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	40	0	0	5	0	0	0	5	6
Otisfield	1797 Oct. 23	Vacant				20	38	58	9	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	....	40	11	0	0	0	0	0	11	100
Stowe & (Chatham,) N.H.	1861 Oct. 22	Isaac H. Libbey	P.	1878 May 17	1878 May 17	11	16	27	4	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	30	30	0	0	5	0	0	0	5	200
Sweden	1817 Nov. 4	Lewis Goodrich	A. P.	1850 Jan. 1	1878 Dec. 20	13	23	36	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	38	15	0	0	0	12	8	0	20	125
Waterford	1779 Oct. 2	Jehiel S. Richards	A.P.	1877 June 22	1880 July 18	23	66	89	28	4	0	4	7	0	0	7	4	0	79	50	80	0	0	6	0	0	86	400
Waterford	1865 June 20	Jehiel S. Richards	A. P	1877 June 22	1880 July 18	20	41	61	10	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	60	40	0	0	0	13	0	5	18	328
Seventeen.						344	762	1106	268	48	11	59	36	15	5	56	46	0	1014	696	153	1	20	179	46	115	514	8070

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Belfast	1796 Dec. 29	John A. Ross	P.	1854 Jan. 1	1873 Sept. 14	24	84	108	23	1	0	1	4	1	0	5	1	1	92	132	159	24	7	141	10	74	415	1700
Belfast, North	1846 Sept. 24	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	10	26	36	3	0	2	2	3	0	0	3	0	0	50	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	10	....
Camden	1805 Sept. 11	Wellington R. Cross	P.	1865 Sept. 7	1876 Nov. 18	36	100	136	32	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	150	53	....	....	....	38	....	....	38	1450
Frankfort	1851 Nov. 18	[Merrill Blanchard]	Lic.	.....	1880 June 1	3	27	30	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	239
Freedom	1858 Apr. 14	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	9	25	34	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	25	10	0	0	0	0	0	10	120
Jackson and Brooks	1812 Oct. 6	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	18	46	64	12	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	60	....	....	....	....	10	....	....	10	140
Rockport	1854 June 12	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	22	49	71	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....
Sandy Point	1839 Oct. 16	[Arthur W. Main]	Lic.	.....	1879 Mar. 16	32	46	78	13	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	75	40	9	....	....	....	....	....	9	.....
Searsport, First	1815 Oct. 4	Benjamin B. Merrill	P.	1876 Nov. 9	1876 Nov. 9	48	118	166	32	1	0	1	2	1	0	3	0	0	150	175	38	25	50	90	35	58	296	1350
Searsport, Second	1855 Sept. 19	[Arthur W. Main]	Lic.	.....	1879 May 1	5	28	33	9	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	....	26	....	....	....	....	....	....	25	....
Winterport	1820 Sept. 17	[Merrill Blanchard]	Lic.	.....	1879 Apr. 1	6	39	45	14	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	50	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	7	.....
Eleven.						212	604	826	163	5	3	8	16	6	0	22	3	1	672	451	216	49	57	279	45	132	820	4999

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Calais	1825 Aug. 17	Charles G. McCully	A.P.	1860 July 1	1876 Feb. 20	58	197	255	45	2	...	2	1	2	..	3	..	1	362	175	....	....	....	....	....	....	221	2600
Cherryfield	1833 Oct. 20	Edgar M. Cousins	P.	1880 June 9	1880 June 9	14	23	37	...	10	...	10	2	..	..	2	8	..	....	45	25	....	....	25	....	....	50	.....
Cooper	1826 Feb. 22	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	2	6	8	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	0	0	....	21	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	.....
Dennysville	1805 Oct. 27	Charles Whittier	P.	1860 Nov. 13	1860 Nov. 13	41	70	111	30	9	3	12	4	1	..	5	6	2	150	73	35	....	....	20	32	36	123	750
Eastport, Central	1819 Feb. 7	George W. Kelley	A.P.	1872 Dec. 28	1877 April 16	24	75	99	26	1	1	2	2	2	..	4	1	..	60	34	23	....	....	12	5	10	50	211
Jonesport, Union Cong'l.	1877 Sept. 11	George E. Chapin	P.	1879 Aug. 20	1879 Aug. 20	14	32	46	1	1	2	3	3	..	..	3	..	..	100	50	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	400
Machias, Center Street	1782 Sept. 12	Daniel Greene	A.P.	1879 Dec. 18	1879 Dec. 18	70	173	243	50	3	1	4	3	2	..	5	2	1	350	130	84	....	....	78	17	76	255	.....
Machias, East	1826 June 8	Frederic E. Shaw	A.P.	1878 June 13	1878 June 13	13	72	85	16	3	1	4	1	..	..	1	3	..	135	75	21	....	....	19	....	40	80	800
Machiasport	1831 Jan. 25	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	28	38	66	16	7	...	7	1	..	..	1	7	..	125	80	....	....	....	....	....	32	32	300
Marshfield	1871 Sept. 14	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	17	31	48	4	..	..	..	3	..	..	3	..	..	....	29	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....
Milltown, (N. B.)	1846 Oct. 21	Edgar F. Davis	A.P.	1879 Aug. 8	1879 Nov. 1	37	96	133	15	..	2	2	2	4	..	6	..	..	119	65	105	....	....	25	....	10	140	900
Northfield	1836 Sept. 15	[Isaac A. Luce]	Lic.	.....	1879 May 1	8	12	20	4	3	...	3	...	..	..	..	2	..	40	24	2	....	....	50	....	10	62	.....
Pembroke	1835 Sept. 30	Samuel L. Vincent	P.	1878 Oct. 23	1878 Oct. 23	6	13	19	0	2	...	2	...	..	..	..	2	..	25	25	....	....	....	5	....	....	5	200
Perry	1822 Oct. 7	[Stephen Smith]	Lic.	.....	1879 July 1	14	54	68	35	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	60	....	....	....	....	10	....	....	10	140
Princeton	1858 Dec. 2	[Edwin C. Oakley]	Lic.	.....	1879 May 1	32	44	76	1 5	2	2	4	2	..	..	2	2	..	130	80	....	..	....	25	....	....	25	650
Robbinston	1811 Nov. 24	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	22	57	79	1 5	..	..	..	2	3	1	6	..	..	40	60	8	....	....	5	....	....	13	16
Topsfield	1861 Nov. 6	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	4	10	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	13	0	0	70	10	0	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....
Whiting	1833 Nov. 9	James I. Jones	A.P.	1877 July 17	1879 July 1	5	21	26	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	60	29	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	130
Whitneyville	1836 Dec. 7	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	20	28	48	14	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	80	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....
Nineteen.						429	1052	1481	290	43	12	55	29	15	14	58	34	4	1906	1065	304	0	0	274	54	214	1067	7097

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CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.				Ch. Members May 2, 1880.				Added dur'g yr.			Removed dur'g year.							Contributions. (Dollars.)								
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Acton	1781 Sept. 18	William S. Thompson.	A.P.	1860 Oct. 17	1869 Jan. 1	21	37	58	14	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	2	0	76	36	16	0	3	34	0	0	53	350
Alfred	1791 Sept. 8	Benjamin P. Snow	A.P.	1870 May 10	1875 July 1	20	56	76	22	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	95	50	75	0	42	55	16	89	277	.....
Biddeford, First	1730 Apr. 30	Henry A. Freeman	Lic.	.....	1878 June 1	10	34	44	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	.....
Biddeford, Second	1805 Mar. 1	George H. Wilson	P.	1876 Sept.	1880 May 2	73	201	277	81	4	2	6	1	8	0	9	3	1	275	133	48	25	0	334	28	0	435	2000
Biddeford, Pavilion	1857 Oct. 20	Edward Chase	P.	1863 Jan. 8	1877 Dec. 20	44	128	172	40	1	2	3	2	6	0	8	0	0	130	90	60	0	0	6	0	32	98	2500
Buxton, South	1763 Mar. 6	Thomas M. Davies	A.P.	1869 Mar. 14	1880 May 1	28	74	102	24	0	0	0	3	5	0	8	0	0	.....	80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	600
Buxton, North	1763 Mar. 16	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	10	25	35	14	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	25	.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	.....
Cornish	1840 Sept. 16	Albert Cole	A.P.	1847 Mar. 25	1838 July 4	19	41	60	11	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37	.....
Elliot	1721 June 22	David S. Hibbard	A.P.	1860 July	1878 Oct.	12	41	53	9	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	50	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....
Kennebunk Union	1826 Aug. 15	George A. Lockwood	P.	1870 Nov. 26	1880 May 20	22	72	94	29	0	12	12	2	2	0	4	0	0	100	60	27	0	0	78	12	44	161	.....
Kennebunkport, First	1730 Nov.	Charles H. Gates	A.P.	1851 Nov. 14	1874 Feb. 1	2	51	77	16	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	60	35	14	0	0	10	5	0	29	.....
Kennebunkport, South	1838 Jan. 10	Charles H. Gates	A.P.	1851 Nov. 14	1874 Feb. 1	18	55	73	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	62	40	0	0	0	6	0	46	.....
Kittery	1714 Nov. 4	Alexander R. Plumer	A.P.	1854 Dec. 14	1879 Nov. 1	8	26	34	14	0	0	0	1	4	0	5	0	0	54	20	12	0	0	15	0	0	27	143
Lebanon	1764 June 26	Benjamin Dodge	A.P.	1848 Oct. 10	1877 Nov.	15	40	55	19	4	0	4	2	0	0	2	3	0	50	20	.....	.....	.....	35	.....	25	60	910
Limerick	1795 July 5	David L. Jones	A.P.	1876 Aug. 24	1879 May 1	29	43	72	26	1	7	8	2	2	0	4	1	1	60	45	0	0	0	24	0	0	24	1200
Limington	1789 Oct. 11	Thomas N. Lord	A.P.	1837 Aug. 10	1879 Nov.	31	77	108	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	.....	0	0	0	13	0	0	13	300
Lyman	1801 Dec. 2	George F. Tewksbury	A.P.	1838 June 31	1876 June 1	36	61	97	23	1	0	1	5	2	0	7	1	1	92	44	12	0	0	20	.....	33	65	750
Newfield, West	1801 July 1	Jonathan Edwards	A.P.	1876 June 15	1879 June 1	15	16	31	5	0	2	2	0	2	0	2	0	3	50	36	0	0	0	13	10	0	23	800
Parsonsfield	1795 Jan. 7	Jonathan Edwards	A.P.	1876 June 15	1879 June 1	4	5	9	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	200
Saco	1762 Oct. 13	Charles E. Stowe	A.P.	1878 Dec. 30	1879 May	52	142	194	0	0	1	1	3	2	0	5	0	2	142	185	25	0	0	61	14	71	171	1674
Sanford	1786 July 19	Henry J. Stone	A.P.	1879 Dec. 25	1877 Nov.	14	29	43	11	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	100	.....	0	0	0	5	0	11	16	250
Sanford, South	1786 July 19	Henry J. Stone	A.P.	1879 Dec. 25	1877 Nov. 11	5	22	27	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	...	0	0	6	5	0	0	11	.....
Shapleigh	1821 Oct. 23	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	2	3	5	...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Berwick	1702 June 4	George Lewis	P.	1865 Dec. 13	1874 Jan.	18	94	112	20	2	0	2	1	2	0	3	1	1	100	82	122	0	0	70	7	194	393	.....
Wells, First	1701 Oct. 29	Woodbury S. Kimball	A.P.	1867 Sept. 3	1875 Nov. 1	50	83	138	21	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	2	0	148	70	31	0	0	60	23	5	119	750
Wells, Second	1831 Aug. 23	Henry T. Arnold	P.	1871 Sept. 27	1880 Feb. 18	47	79	126	12	0	2	2	4	1	0	5	0	0	112	127	30	0	0	31	0	54	115	700
York, First	1672 Dec. 3	David B. Sewall	A.P.	1842 Jan. 19	1873 Dec. 1	21	76	97	17	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	75	79	30	0	9	35	34	30	138	.....
York, Second	1732	Joseph Freeman	A.P.	1844 Mar. 10	1869 Aug. 1	10	35	45	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	65	....	13	0	0	14	0	0	27	.....
Twenty-eight.						660	1649	2309	488	18	29	47	39	38	0	77	13	9	2054	1305	555	25	60	918	155	588	2367	13127

SUMMARY, for the year ending May 2, 1880.—General Conference organized in Portland, January 10, 1826.

CONFERENCES.		MINISTERS.					CHURCHES.					Ch. Members May 2, 1880.				Added dur'g y'r.			Removed dur'g year.			Gain or Loss.							Contributions. (Dollars.)							
Name.	Date of Organization.	Pastors.	Acting Pastors.	Without Charge.	Total.	Licentiates.	With Pastors.	With Acting Pastors.	With Licentiates.	Vacant.	Whole Number.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismission.	Discipline.	Total.	Net Gain.	Net Loss.	Baptized—Adults.	Baptized—Infants.	Sabbath School, Whole No. May, 1880.	Families, May, 1880.	Foreign Missions.	College and Education.	Congregational Union.	Home Missions.	Am. Miss'y Association.	Other Objects.	Total Amount.	Home Expenditures.
Aroostook	1846	2	3	2	7	0	2	4	0	4	10	168	214	382	69	35	12	47	3	6	0	9	38	....	26	3	712	175	10	0	16	76	10	68	180	1430
Cumberland	1822	15	4	10	29	2	15	4	1	2	22	923	2316	3239	565	97	91	188	44	60	8	112	75	....	55	66	3596	2313	2738	142	291	2046	913	4142	10527	59805
Cumberland North	1878	8	9	3	20	1	8	11	0	2	21	880	1785	2665	637	48	26	74	49	37	1	87	....	13	26	6	2081	1652	1435	505	147	980	411	881	4359	20252
Franklin	1839	1	4	4	9	2	2	4	3	1	10	261	504	765	170	8	4	12	7	7	0	14	....	2	3	1	758	367	51	1	18	162	31	201	470	3436
Hancock	1825	4	4	2	10	1	4	7	1	2	14	291	830	1121	188	22	21	43	18	4	0	22	21	....	17	9	1275	451	1733	18	20	1310	916	3727	7724	4790
Kennebec	1823	6	5	5	16	1	6	5	1	2	14	366	943	1309	303	37	14	51	18	6	1	25	26	....	31	4	1076	833	975	170	18	1031	221	378	2793	12191
Lincoln & Sagadahoc	1825	8	8	2	18	1	8	9	1	4	22	570	1558	2128	360	91	26	117	29	16	4	49	68	....	74	15	1640	1357	1293	78	90	898	101	385	2995	16398
Oxford	1824	4	2	2	8	2	5	5	2	3	15	266	600	866	213	50	16	66	20	24	2	46	20	....	14	7	1001	566	135	12	11	133	74	110	475	1134
Penobscot	1825	5	3	8	16	3	6	5	3	4	18	722	1299	2021	448	78	34	112	40	44	3	87	25	....	61	12	2345	1341	821	242	137	1143	585	1589	4575	17798
Piscataquis	1842	4	3	0	7	0	4	4	0	2	10	281	534	815	180	25	5	30	8	13	0	21	9	....	17	2	739	456	216	33	35	306	182	47	819	5103
Somerset	1823	1	4	0	5	1	1	3	1	7	12	212	436	648	164	30	4	34	13	10	2	25	9	....	25	3	634	821	254	61	0	170	142	200	832	3205
Union	1836	2	6	1	9	1	2	7	0	8	17	344	762	1106	268	48	11	59	36	15	5	56	3	....	46	0	1014	696	153	1	20	179	46	115	514	8070
Waldo	1848	3	0	3	6	1	3	0	2	6	11	213	588	801	163	5	3	8	16	6	0	22	1	....	3	1	672	451	216	49	57	279	45	132	820	4999
Washington	1829	4	6	0	10	0	3	5	0	11	19	429	1052	1481	290	43	12	55	29	15	14	58	....	3	34	4	1906	1005	304	0	0	274	54	214	1067	7097
York	1822	5	17	5	27	0	5	20	0	3	28	660	1649	2309	488	18	29	47	39	38	0	77	....	30	13	9	2054	1305	555	25	60	918	155	588	2367	13127
Fifteen		72	78	47	197	16	74	93	15	61	243	6585	15060	21645	4503	635	306	941	366	301	40	707	295	48	445	142	21503	13345	10889	1337	920	9901	3871	12738	40517	178935

Branch of the church in Cherryfield, organized in Steuben, October 5, 1879 p.112.

PASTORS ORDAINED AND INSTALLED FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 2, 1880, ten; *Pastors Installed*, seven; *Ordination without Installation*, three; *total*, twenty.

Pastors dismissed, seven—Minutes, p., 85.

CHURCHES.—With Pastors, 74; with Acting Pastors, 93; supplied by Licentiates, 15; vacant, 61; total, 243.

MINISTERS.—Pastors, 72; Acting-Pastors, 78; others, 47. Total, 197.

CHURCH MEMBERS.—Males, 6585; Females, 15,060. Total, 21,645, including 4503 absent; gain 87 over total of last year.

ADDITIONS.—By profession, 635; by letter, 306. Total, 941.

REMOVALS.—By death, 366; by dismission, 301; by discipline, 40. Total, 707.

GAIN IN ELEVEN CONFERENCES.—295; loss in four Conferences, 48; net gain, 247.

BAPTISMS.—Adults, 445; infants, 142.

IN SABBATH SCHOOLS.—21,503.

FAMILIES.—Reported connected with the congregations of 196 churches, 13345; Gain in numbers reported, 551.

CONTRIBUTIONS.—Foreign Missions, $10,889; Home Missions, $9901; Congregational Union, $920; American Missionary Association, $3,871; College and Educational Society, $1337; Other Objects, $12,738. Total, $40,517. Gain $7,915.

HOME EXPENDITURES.—Reported by 167 churches,—178,935.

ORGANIZATION. Fifteen Conferences of Churches, united in a General Conference, which includes also, Milltown, N. B., Berlin Falls, Gorham, Shelburne, and Chatham, N. H.

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COUNTY CONFERENCES.

AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE.

Annual meeting, second Saturday and Sunday in June.—Organized in Houlton, January 22, 1846.—Semi-annual meeting third Saturday and Sunday in September.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, was held with the church in Island Falls, Sept. 20, 21, 1879. Sermons by Rev. Charles N. Sinnett, of Fort Fairfield, Saturday A. M., 1 Cor., 10: 13,—God's faithfulness in trials.—Sabbath P. M., Acts, 8: 37,—"I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." Rev. Zenas Crowell, of Houlton, Saturday P. M., 1 John, 1: 7,—"If we walk in the light," etc.—Sabbath evening, Mark 10: 17,—"Good Master, what shall I do, that I may inherit eternal life,"—preceded by a praise-meeting, and followed by a testimony-meeting. Topics for remarks,—The need of the Holy Spirit; prayer-meetings. Verbal reports from the churches. The Lord's Supper administered by Revs. Wm. A. Merrill, and Zenas Crowell.—The Hall where the meetings were held, was newly painted, and furnished with settees, and adorned with mosses and beautiful boquets. All decided it was our best Conference. Ch. Mir., Oct. 11.

THE THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING, with the church in Patten, June, 12, 13, 1880. Luther B. Rogers, of Patten, *Moderator*. Sermons,—Rev. William A. Merrill, of Sherman Mills,—Ps., 126: 5.—"They that sow in tears, shall reap in joy;" Rev. Z. Crowell, of Houlton, Jas., 2: 14,—Faith and works. Rev. F. H. Osgood, of the Methodist Church, Houlton, Rom., 2: 4,—The riches of God's goodness.—Questions discussed,—What is the duty of the church towards strong, healthy members, who do not regularly attend services?—its duty toward non-resident members? Will a man gain or lose by attending all the prayer-meetings, and Conferences?—Shall Christians take part in each prayer-meeting? Reports of the churches showed a good spirit prevailing. At Fort Fairfield, the church debt is nearly canceled.

RICHARD SMITH WHIDDEN, of Maitland, N.S., (Mt. Allison Coll., Sackville, N.B., '75, Bangor Seminary, 1879,) ordained and installed Pastor of the Church in Caribou, Nov. 19. 1879. Rev. Zenas Crowell, *Moderator of Council*. Rev. Charles N. Sinnett, *Scribe*. Public services in the afternoon.—Chant,—"The Lord is my Shepherd;" Prayer, and reading of the Scriptures, Rev J. E. Bill, jr., of Caribou. Anthem,—"Guide me, O thou great Jehovah." Sermon, by the Moderator,—1 Cor. 1: 17,—"Christ sent me to preach the gospel." Ordaining prayer by Scribe; Hymn,—"How beauteous are thy feet." Charge to Pastor, and right-hand, Rev. C. N. Sinnett; Address to the people, Rev. Z. Crowell; Hymn,—"Father of mercies, in thy house." Benediction by Pastor. Ch. Mir., Nov. 20.

Rev. Charles N. Sinnett, removed from Fort Fairfield, to Patten, supplying also at Island Falls, February, 1880. Rev. John B. Wheelwright, supplying at Fort Fairfield. The church-edifice in Patten has been repaired.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Caribou, John Henry; Carroll and Springfield, Dea. Hiram Stevens, Carroll; Fort Fairfield, Dea. Hiram Stevens; Houlton, Mrs. Geo. B. Page, A. C.; Island Falls, Albion Merriman; Lee, Seth H. Riggs; Passadumkeag, E. G. Haynes; Patten, Luther B. Rogers; Presque Isle, C. F. A. Johnson; Sherman, Benjamin H. Towle.

Rev. Charles N. Sinnett, of Patten, *Scribe, Reporter and Treasurer of Conference.*

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CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE.

Annual meeting, in June.—Organized in Gorham, Dec. 24, 1822.—Semi-annual meeting, third Tuesday and Wednesday in October.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, was held with the church in Scarboro, Oct. 21, 22, 1879, Rev. E. A. Harlow, *Scribe*, p. t. Opening sermon,—Rev. Arthur N. Ward, of Falmouth, Mal. 2:7. A plea for simple gospel preaching. Conference sermon, Rev. Henry B. Mead, of Sacarrappa, 1 Cor., 10:16, 17. The fellowship of all who partake of the heavenly bread. Discussions,—1. How shall we influence Christians to join the church. 2. Woman's work in the church. 3. Home Missions. 4. Trust in Divine grace in daily duties. Tuesday evening opened with a praise-meeting. Lord's Supper administered Wednesday P. M. Ch. Mir., Nov. 15.

FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING, with the First Church, West Falmouth, June 8, 9, 1880.—Rev. Francis Southworth, of Portland, *Moderator*. Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. E. S. Tead, of Cumberland Mills, and on the second day by Rev. Edwin A. Harlow, of Cape Elizabeth. Report on the State of the Churches, by Rev. H. S. Huntington. It showed an unusual degree of prosperity throughout the Conference. Questions discussed,—Dependence of character on belief; essentials and non-essentials in our creed; what are our children reading; the power of the Christian newspaper.

On Tuesday evening, William E. Gould gave his interesting lecture on Music, accompanied by illustrations in singing. The ladies held a meeting of the Woman's Board Auxiliary. Sermons by Rev. Frank E. Clark, of Portland, 1 Cor. 1:1, 2,—"The church of God, which is at Corinth,"—Rev. John G. Wilson, of Portland, Psalms 48:2, and 50:2. Zion and Jerusalem typical of the church.—The three declarations made of Zion in the text, considered in their application to the church. Lord's Supper administered by Rev. I. P. Warren, D. D., of Portland, and Rev. H. S. Huntington, of Gorham. Next meeting with the St. Lawrence Street Church, Portland, Oct. 19, 20, 1880. Reported Lewiston J'l, June 9, P. Press, June 10, Ch. Mir., June 12.

CHARLES ALBERT DICKINSON, of Westminister, Vt., (Harvard, 1876, Andover, 1879,) ordained and installed Pastor of Payson Memorial Church, Portland, Sept. 25, 1879. Rev. Edward Y. Hincks, of State St. Ch., Portland, *Moderator of the Council*; Rev. Frank E. Clark, of Williston Ch., Portland, *Scribe*. Public services in the evening.—Anthem,—"Glory to the Lord forever;" invocation, Rev. Herbert W. Lathe, of Plymouth Ch., Portland; reading the Scriptures, Rev. Abiel Wright, of St. Lawrence St. Ch., Portland; prayer. Rev. William H. Fenn, of High St. Ch., Portland; hymn 1128, Church Hymn Book, "Spirit of peace and holiness:" Sermon, Rev. John L. Withrow, D. D., of Park St. Ch., Boston, Ecc. 9:4. A living present is better than a dead past,—a living opportunity, better than a departed privilege,—a living faith, better than a dead unbelief; ordaining prayer, Rev. John J. Carruthers, the former pastor; reception to the church of the Pastor—Dr. Carruthers calling and declaring the vote; anthem, "I will lift up mine eyes;" charge to the pastor by the Moderator; right hand of fellowship by the Scribe; address to the people, Rev. Anson P. Tinker, of Auburn; doxology; benediction by the pastor. Reported Portland Press, Sept. 26, Ch. Mir., Oct. 4, the latter publishing also the statement of belief of the new pastor.

The theme for the discourse of the Pastor on the following Sabbath, was—Jesus,—how to bring men to Him, through the instrumentality of the church, the Sabbath-school and the prayer-meeting. The Pastor met his people socially in the vestry, in the evening of Oct. 1.

In the PAYSON MEMORIAL CHURCH, the Sabbath of Sept. 14, 1879, was devoted to removing the incumbrance of $14,500 upon their church-edifice. Rev. Charles L. Mills, the acting-pastor, conducted the opening exercises, and Mr. Edward Kimball

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the effort during the remainder of the day. The sum of $4,500 was raised from 10:30 to 1 o'clock; $8,000 in the afternoon, and the balance during the evening. The audience being dismissed at 11:45. One hundred dollars were received from Williston Church, Portland, and $20 from the church in Deering. Reported P. Press, Sept. 15, Ch. Mir., Sept. 20, and Ambassador for October, No. 13, a paper which has been published monthly during the year, by the Young People's Union.

In February, 1880, the clear and melodious sounds of the new bell donated to this church and society by Barring Brothers, of England, was gladly heard. It was presented as an expression of friendly relations during many years with the citizens of Portland. The correspondence was had through Edward Gould, Esq. Its weight, 2,550 lbs., on the key of E.

An iron rod fence was placed around the church-edifice in Sept. An engraving of this building is given on p. 58. The Ambassador for May, contains a plan of the pews, with the rent of same.

The weekly collection system has been adopted by this church. Every one is expected to give something for one or more objects, even if only one cent a week.

The 63d anniversary of the Sabbath-school was held May 9. Address by Rev. Asa Bullard, of Boston, former Secretary of the Maine S. S. Union. Theme,—The Bible.

High Street Church, Portland, was closed for repairs in the autumn, and the interior of the edifice has been decorated. The chancel, as well as the walls on either side, is intended to represent the early Gothic; while the ceiling, and the roof of the Church on either side of the organ loft, the later Gothic. The prevailing color, or key of color, is red, with a shade of blue, gold, and green. Reported in Portland Press, Nov. 10. The vestry was occupied for service Sept. 14. The main edifice, in December.

The weekly offerings of this Church the past year, was $2,342.76.

The 47th anniversary of the High Street Sabbath-school, Portland, held June 20. Sermon by the pastor to the children in the morning.

Williston Church, Portland, have published a directory of all the members of the Church and congregation, with their residence;—about 800 names, with a report of last year's church work.—A new organ was procured in January, 1880. In March, the Chapel connected with the main audience-room, was opened for additional sittings.

St. Lawrence Street Church, Portland, finished a subscription in October, which more than liquidated their debt. A praise-meeting was held on Sabbath eve, Oct. 19, in view of the result.

The 28th anniversary of the Sabbath School, was held Jan. 31, 1880.

The Bethel Church, Portland, under the direction of Pastor Southworth, slated their church-edifice in October. Some architectural defects in the audience-room have been removed by the arrangement of flags of different nations, as drapery.

The annual meeting of the Portland Seamen's Friend Society, was held Jan. 19, 1880. Capt. Washington Ryan, *President*; Rev. Francis Southworth, *Secretary*; John M. Gould, *Treasurer*. Libraries, 275 in number have been set afloat,—twelve during the past year, with 1500 packages of Literature. A reading-room is well sustained. Meetings every Sabbath, and two or more during the week. Reported Portland Press, Jan. 20, Ch. Mir., Jan. 31. Seamen's cause, Ch. Mir., Dec. 20.

The Abyssinian Church, Portland, held a Church Union, and donation party, April 12, 1880.—Rev. E. J. Adams, pastor in 1856-7, is now teacher of the Sherman School, Charleston, S. C. Rev. John G. Wilson is now acting-pastor.

Rev. Edward Y. Hincks, in anticipation of an absence from his people, a few months in Europe, met them in the Chapel of State St. Church, March 31, 1880. He arrived by the steamer "City of Berlin," in England, April 12, after a passage of eight days from New York. Rev. W. E. Merriman, D. D., late President of Ripon College, supplies the pulpit during his absence.

Rev. William A. Bosworth, pastor at Woodford's Corner, Deering, from 1875, Nov. 10, closed his labors Apr. 25, 1880, and removed to Ohio. The church-edifice was

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newly painted in July, 1879, and a new vane placed upon the steeple. A new organ was procured in March, 1880.

An effort was made by the Church and Society in Westbrook, (Sacarrappa) Sabbath P. M. and evening Jan. 25, 1880, under the direction of Mr. Edward Kimball, for the extinguishment of their debt. The sum of $5,325 was raised, and a subscription afterwards, made up the amount, $6,000. Warren Church, Westbrook, and the churches in Deering and Gorham aided in the work. Reported by Pastor in Ch. Mir., Feb. 7.

REV. HENRY B. MEAD, pastor from Feb. 10, 1875, resigned, preaching his farewell June 27, 1880. He accepts a call to Stonington, Conn. Record of council Ch. Mir., July 3.

The Church in Scarboro, elected two new Deacons, May, 1879,—James F. Small, and Henry Jones. Dea. George W. Libbey, who was for many years clerk of the church, died in February, 1878.

REV. JOHN W. CHICKERING, D. D., in the autumn visited Portland, Bangor, Dover, Moosehead Lake, and other places in Maine, renewing former acquaintance and associations, and presenting the Scriptual doctrine of Temperance. Notices, Ch. Mir., Sept. 20, Bangor papers, Sept. 8, "Ex. Pastor's visit," Ch. Mir., Oct. 11. Welcome reception in Portland, Nov. 12, Gorham, Nov. 16. In the winter he was at Washington, D. C., in the interests of the Congressional Temperance Society, which has been organized nearly half a century. Dr. C. inaugurated a Sabbath service among the men and boys at Arlington Heights.

Anniversary of the Maine Bible Society, held in First Church, Portland, June 20. Address by Rev. W. E. Merriman, D. D.

Religious service for deaf Mutes, held in Gorham, June 9, by Rev. Samuel Rowe, Missionary to deaf Mutes for New England.

Rev. William Mellen, pastor 24 years among the Zulus, gave an address in Plymouth Church, Portland, Sept. 21, on Africa, and different phases of African life,—Rev. W. R. Stocking, Missionary from Persia, gave an address in State St. Church Portland, Nov. 21, on "Persia and the Orient."—Rev. E. K. Alden, D.D., Sec. of the Am. Bd., spoke on missions in Portland, Jan. 22, A. M., Second Church; P. M., High St. Church; evening, State St. Church. at a union meeting. Rev. A. Bunker, Missionary to the Karens, Burmah, gave a lecture Feb. 17, in Second Church, Portland, on the history, customs, and people of that country,—with 50 stereoscopic views.

Meeting in behalf of the Maine Missionary Society, was held in Williston Church, Portland, Oct. 19. Addresses by Secretary Adams, and State Missionary Blanchard.

A Discourse on the sacred music of different countries, was delivered by William E. Gould, during the winter and spring, at Deering, Sacarrappa, Portland, and other places,—Illustrated by the choir of the Ligonia (Welsh) Church, Cape Elizabeth.

Rev. Frank E. Clark, of Williston Church, delivered the address at the 76th anniversary of the Portland Benevolent Society, Dec. 21.

Rev. Leonard Z. Ferris, Pastor in Gorham, 1872-'77, installed Pastor at Rockland, Mass., June 24, 1880.

Rev. John G. Wilson, is City Missionary in Portland.

Rev. Benjamin Allen's Diary, is noticed in the New England Historical and Genealogical Register, 1877, p. 331. Mr. A. was installed Pastor of South Parish Falmouth, (Cape Elizabeth,) in 1734, Nov. 10, died 1754, May 6.

Memoir of James Brown Thornton, who died in Oak Hill, Scarboro, in 1873, Feb. 13, aged 79, in New Eng. His. and Gen. Register, 1877, p. 334-'5. (Rev. James B. Thornton, of Scarboro, is a son.)

The Congregational Club, Portland, organized April 9, 1879, have held monthly sessions from September 1879, to June, 1880. Chief topics for discussion, September to December,—The relation between the Mosaic law, and the common law; Liturgical forms of worship; The limits of speculation in trade; The pew rental system.—

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In January, 1880, a commemorative service was held at which 200 ladies and gentlemen were present; topics,—our early pastors; pioneers of Maine Congregationalism; what Maine has done for missions, and for the west; the relation of education to Congregationalism.—February to May,—Capital punishment; The relation of the churches to the masses; The true scientific spirit; Evil Literature; The statement of Christian doctrine.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Baldwin, E. A. Richardson; Cape Elizabeth, First church, Rev. E. A. Harlow; Cape Elizabeth, Welsh, Ligonia church, Rev. J. P. Evans, Ligonia, Portland P. O; Deering, First church, Dea. H. H. Dow, 35 Oak st., Portland; Deering, Woodford's Corner, Dea. Wm. E. Gould; Falmouth First, Rev. J. C. Adams; Falmouth Second, Samuel Bell; Gorham, Stephen Hinkley; Portland Second church, John W. D. Carter; High street church, Daniel Evans; Fourth ch., Henry A. Murray; Bethel church, Rev. F. Southworth; State street church, Edward P. Oxnard; St. Lawrence street church, Benjamin Thompson; West Congregational church, Ebenezer M. Gay, No. 3 Hemlock street; Plymouth church, C. S. D. Griffin, jr.; Williston church, L. R. Loring, box 1136; Scarboro, Rev. H. G. Storer, Oak Hill; Standish, Rev. J. P. Trowbridge; Westbrook First church, (now Deering First church,) Dea. H. H. Dow; Westbrook Second church, Dea. Harlan P. Murch, Saccrrappa; Westbrook, Warren church, Cumberland Mills, Dea. James Graham; Windham, Rev. Luther Wiswall.

Rev. Arthur N. Ward, of Falmouth, *Scribe of Conference;* Rev. Henry S. Huntington, of Gorham, *Registrar and Treasurer.*

CUMBERLAND NORTH CONFERENCE.

Formed in Freeport, Nov. 12, 1878. Annual meeting in June. Semi-annual meeting, third Tuesday in October.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, was held with the church in West Auburn, Oct. 20, 21, 1859. Rev. George S. Dickerman, of Lewiston, *Moderator.* The first hour was one of prayer and Conference, led by Gilman Rice, of Sumner. An essay by Rev. Trueman S. Perry, of Cumberland, on Christian Fellowship, was read by Rev. J. S. Cogswell, of West Auburn,—Mr. P. not being able to be present,—a discussion on the same topic followed. In the afternoon, the topics discussed were—1. The importance of biblical studies, and the way in which the Bible should be studied. 2. Why are so few children connected with our churches. In the evening a praise-meeting was held, followed by a discussion of the sanctity of the Sabbath, and the presentation of the claims of the Maine Missionary Society, by Rev. A. Blanchard.

On Wednesday, a prayer-meeting was held at 6 A. M., the house being lighted, and thoroughly warmed as for an evening meeting. Topics discussed during the forenoon,—1. How can churches best aid in the Temperance work, and other moral reforms. 2. How can all our churches have a revival of religion. Verbal reports of the state of the churches were given by the delegates. In the afternoon a sermon was preached by Rev. Thomas M. Davies, of North Yarmouth,—Eph. 1:7. Redemption, through the blood of Christ, and forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace. The Lord's Supper administered by Revs. Ebenezer Bean, of Gray, and Josiah T. Hawes, of Litchfield.—Lewiston Journal, Oct. 23, 24.

A SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE was held with the church in Pownal, Feb. 2, 3, 1880. Sermon by Rev. Lauriston Reynolds, of West Auburn, Matt. 5:6.—"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled."—Topics for remarks,—1. Consecration, and gospel work. 2. The Church and Sabbath-school. 3. The fellowship of the churches,—how to strengthen it,—practically illustrated by a voluntary gift of $44, to the church in Pownal, for a Sabbath-school library.—Dea. A. C. Chandler, of New Gloucester, giving $25. The Lord's Supper administered by Revs. Joseph Torrey, D.D., and Frank D. Kelsey, of New Gloucester.

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THE SECOND ANNUAL MEETING, with the church at Mechanic Falls, June 8, 9, 1880. Rev. Lauriston Reynolds, of Auburn, *Moderator*. Sermons by Rev. Frank W. Sanborn, of Yarmouth, Matt. 10:29. The divine care and love of our Heavenly Father. Rev. Ebenezer Bean, of Gray, 1 Cor. 1:24, "Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God." Questions discussed,—I. The church. 1. Who compose it? 2. Ought the ancient usage of classes of catechumens to be revived? 3. Meetings of the church. 4. Duties of members. II. The diffusion of the gospel among the nations. Pastor Dickerman spoke of the West; Pastor Torrey of foreign missions; Pastor Emrich of the Germans; Pastor Reynolds of France. III. The development of the spiritual life of the individual Christian. Praise-meeting Tuesday evening. Prayer-meeting Wednesday, 6 A. M. Ordinance of the Lord's Supper, Revs. Joseph S. Cogswell, of West Auburn, and William P. Fisher, of Brunswick. Next meeting with the Sixth Street Church, Auburn. Reported Lewiston Journal, June 10; Ch. Mirror, June 12.

REV. WILLIAM PHINEAS FISHER, of Hartford South Association, (Amherst, 1866, Union Sem'y, 1868,) installed Pastor of the church in Brunswick, October 22, 1879. Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D., of Bath, *Moderator of Council*, Rev. George S. Dickerman, of Lewiston, *Scribe*. Public services.—Organ prelude; Anthem by the choir; prayer and reading of the Scriptures, Rev. William R. Richards, of Bath; hymn 97, "All people that on earth do dwell," choir and congregation. Sermon, Rev. Wm. H. Fenn, of High St. Church, Portland, Rom. 8:30.—"Moreover, whom he did predestinate, them he also called," etc.; installing prayer, by the Moderator; charge to Pastor, Rev. Joseph Torrey, D. D., of Yarmouth; hymn; right-hand, by the Scribe; address to people, Rev. Henry Hopkins, of Westfield, Mass.; Hymn 885, "I love thy kingdom, Lord"; benediction by the pastor.

PRESTON BRUCE WING, of Auburn, (Bangor Sem'y, 1879,) ordained Pastor of the Church in Freeport, January 28, 1880, Rev. George S. Dickerman, of Lewiston, *Moderator of the Council*, Rev. Frank W. Sanborn, of Central Church, Yarmouth, *Scribe*. Public services.—Anthem.—"The Lord is my Shepherd"; Invocation, by Rev. A. C. Herrick; reading the Scriptures, by Rev. Horatio Ilsley; hymn, "Father of mercies, in thy house, Smile on our homage and our vows"; sermon by the Moderator, 2 Thess. 1:6, 7.—Followers of us, and of the Lord;—Chant,—"I will give you pastors, according to my heart"; Ordaining prayer, Rev. Joseph Torrey, D. D., of Yarmouth; charge to pastor, Rev. Horatio Ilsley, of South Freeport; right-hand, by the Scribe; address to people, Rev. Joseph Torrey, D. D.; hymn, "We bid thee welcome"; benediction, by Pastor.—Ch. Mir., Feb. 7.

REV. FRANK DUNCAN KELSEY, (Marietta C., 1870, Andover, 1874,) installed Pastor of the church in New Gloucester, April 6, 1880.—Rev. Joseph Torrey, D. D., of Yarmouth, *Moderator*, Rev. Lauriston Reynolds, of Auburn, *Scribe*. Public services.—Organ voluntary; Invocation, Rev. Frank W. Sanborn, of Yarmouth; reading the Scriptures, Rev. Ebenezer Bean, of Gray; hymn, "Father of mercies, bow thine ear"; sermon, Rev. John R. Williams, of Marblehead, Mass., John 17:12,—"None of them is lost, but the son of perdition"; hymn,—"We bid thee welcome" Installing prayer, by the Moderator; charge to pastor, Rev. Anson P. Tinker, of Auburn; right-hand, Rev. George S. Dickerman, of Lewiston; address to people, Rev. Frank E. Clark, of Portland; hymn,—"The solemn service now is done, the vow is pledged, the toil begun;" benediction, by the pastor.

Mr. K. prints by the Hektograph process, and distributes among his people, the topics for each Sabbath and Wednesday evening, with suggestions as to attendance, preparing for them, taking part in them, and the privilege of it.

Rev. John G. Leavitt, pastor at New Gloucester from 1875, Dec. 7, was dismissed by Council, 1879, Oct. 30. Rev. Joseph J. Cogswell, of West Auburn, *Moderator of Council*, Rev. Thomas M. Davies, of North Yarmouth, *Scribe*.—Reported Ch. Mirror, Nov. 8. Mr. L. went to Bay City, Mich., and has since accepted a call to Rockville, Ill.

REV. HENRY HARRISON OSGOOD, acting-pastor in North Yarmouth, from May 23, 1880. Rev. Thomas M. Davies, a. p. from 1877, July 1,—resigned. Accepts call to Buxton.

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THE QUARTER-CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY of the organization of the Pine St. Cong. Church, in LEWISTON, was observed Thursday evening, Oct. 30, 1879. The interior of the church-edifice was tastefully decorated with flowers. The exercises were 1. Organ Voluntary, and anthem by the choir; 2. Invocation by Rev. Lauriston Reynolds, of 6th street Chapel, Auburn. 3. Reading of the Scriptures, Rev. J. H. Burgess, F. B., of Lewiston. 4. Prayer, Rev. Israel P. Warren, D. D., of Portland. 5. Anthem by choir. 6. Reading of letters by the pastor from former members of the church. 7. Historical address, by Rev. George S. Dickerman, the pastor. 8. Original Hymn. 9. Prayer. In the address some account was given of the condition of Lewiston and Auburn, in 1854, when this church was formed (Aug. 8, 1854,) as an outgrowth of what is now the High St. church, Auburn. On the 19th of Sept., a call was extended to Rev. Uriah Balkam, of Wiscasset, to the pastorate. He so far accepted, that he began at once to preach in Jones Hall, although not formally installed until Jan. 30, 1856. A chapel which had been built at a cost of $3,000, was dedicated Nov. 16, 1855. Sermon by the pastor; dedicatory prayer by Rev. James Drummond, pastor of High st. church, Auburn. The first year, the church received $200 from the Maine Missionary Society, but afterwards paid its own expenses. The congregation had so increased that an enlargement of the chapel became necessary, and in 1866, it was decided to build a permanent church-edifice. While building, public worship was held in Central Hall, and afterwards with the Main St. Free Baptist church. In March, 1867, the Society occupied their new lecture-rooms, and on the 22d of March, 1867, the building was dedicated; the pastor preaching the sermon. Its cost, about $70,000. In May, 1870, Dr. Balkam tendered his resignation, to take effect in January following.

Rev. Francis F. Ford was installed pastor in 1871, June 25; resigned 1872, Oct. 27; dis. by Council, 1872, Nov. 25. A call was extended Jan. 12, 1874, to the present pastor, Rev. George S. Dickerman, who was installed March 12, of that year, when the church were mourning the sudden death of their former pastor, Dr. Balkam.

☞ There have been four periods of revival, securing large additions to the church. In 1858, sixty-three; 1862, eighty; 1867, fifty-three; 1877, forty. The whole number of members received since its organization is 650,—383 on confession; 267 by letter. Of these 65 have died; 216 dismissed to other churches in 21 different States; 9 removed by discipline; three young men from the church have been ordained to the Gospel ministry. Present number of members, 360, of which 85 are non-resident.

At the close of the services in the church, an adjournment was had, to the rooms below, where nearly 600 gathered for a collation, and social intercourse. The occasion was one of great interest. Reported Lewiston Journal Nov 1, Ch. Mir., Nov. 8.

EDWARD PAYSON WESTON, LL. D., died at Highland Park, Ill., Oct. 14, 1879, aet. 60. Dr. W. was the son of Rev. Isaac Weston, former pastor in Cumberland. Born in Boothbay, in 1819, he came to Cumberland with his father in 1830. Graduated at Bowdoin College, in which he was afterward a Trustee. Principal of Lewiston Falls Academy; Superintendent of schools in Maine; Principal of Gorham Academy, and Little Blue at Farmington. Removing west, he was President of Lake Forest Female College, and afterwards of the Highland College for Women, Highland Park, Ill. Dr. W. was editor of the Bowdoin Poets, published in 1849, and of the Eclectic, Portland, afterwards merged in the Portland Transcript. In 1850, he delivered the poem before the Literary Societies of Bowdoin College. He was Vice-president of the Pencinian Society. The burial was at Gorham. Resolutions of Directors of Highland College, in Lewiston Journal, Oct. 22. Notice in Ch. Mir., by G. F. M., Nov. 1, by Dr. C. Hamlin, Nov. 8.

Capt. Joseph Brown, a member for 46 years, of the church in Baldwin, Sept. 28, æt. 89.—Dea. David O. Holt, a member of the church in North Yarmouth, 49 years, and a Deacon, 30 years, Dec. 10, æt. 65.—His widow, Mrs. Mary H. T. Holt, Feb. 16, ob. Cong. Feb. 25.—Mrs. Martha J., wife of Rev. Anson P. Tinker, Auburn, Jan. 20, 1880, aged 33. Funeral services in High St. church, conducted by Rev. Geo. S. Dickerman, of Lewiston, and Rev. James H. Ecob, of Augusta. Burial at South Weymouth, Mass.—Mrs. Susan, widow of Rev. Allen Greeley, in Turner, April 8, aged 94. Mr. G. was pastor in Turner, 1810—'44.

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The "Covenant Band," of the Sixth St. Church chapel, Auburn, conducted in October, religious services in Minot Center.

Rev. A. Libbey, agent of the Androscoggin Bible Society, visited Webster, and other towns in the neighborhood of Lewiston, in the autumn, supplying the destitute. He found a large proportion of the people who attend no Sabbath service.

The Lewiston Ministerial Association, have held meetings during the year.—Arrangements were made in the winter, for Sabbath afternoon services, to be held in the churches alternately.

A chapel has been built on Squirrel Island, a summer residence. Services are held during the year, conducted by Rev. G. S. Dickerman, and others. A praise-meeting was held on the seashore, in August, and Ex-Gov. Dingley gave an account of the catacombs in Rome. Letter, E. H. S., Ch. Mir., Aug. 23.

A meeting of the State Reform Clubs, was held in Lewiston, Dec. 4, 5.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Auburn, J. R. Learned; Auburn, West, Rev. J. S. Cogswell; Auburn, Sixth street church, Rev. L. Reynolds; Cumberland, Rev. T. S. Perry; Brunswick, John Furbish; Durham, Wm. T. Osgood; Freeport, Daniel Curtis; Freeport, South, Jeremiah Talbot; Gorham, Stephen Hinkley; Gray, David B. Cummings; Harpswell, Wm. C. Eaton; Lewiston, Pine street church, Fred B. Sands; Mechanic Falls, J. M. Eveleth, M. D.; Minot Center, Dea. S. W. Shaw; Hebron and West Minot, Wm. Lowell, W. Minot; New Gloucester, Dea. A. C. Chandler; North Yarmouth, N. W. F. Sweetsir; Poland, F. A. Pulsifer; Pownal, Azar Mitchell, East North Yarmouth; Turner, Horace True; Yarmouth, First church, Rev. Joseph Torrey; Central church, Barnabas Freeman.

Rev. Frank W. Sanborn, of Yarmouth, *Scribe of Conference;* Rev. T. S. Perry, of Cumberland Center, *Registrar and Treasurer.*

FRANKLIN CONFERENCE.

Annual meeting in June. Organized in Strong, Jan. 15, 1839.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING was held in Farmington, Nov. 4, 5, 1879.

Topics discussed,—How can we utilize the inactive element in the church; the need of a revival spirit in our churches; recent criminal cases of professing christians,—how explained, and what they teach; the need of a more systematic prosecution of church work. The claims of the Maine Missionary Society were presented by Rev. J. E. Adams, Secretary.

THE FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING, with the church in Strong, June 8, 9, Dea. C. D. Sewell, *Moderator* Sermon,—Rev. Caleb L. Rotch, of New Sharon, Ps. 4:5. Our sacrifices.—Rev. Albert W. Moore, of Farmington, Mark 9: 41. Topics discussed,—Lack of our churches to-day; how may our churches receive more of God's favor; the church in the social meeting; the Sabbath School; the meaning of cross bearing; New Testament benevolence; Temperance—Lord's Supper administered by Rev. U. W. Small, of Wilton, and Rev. M. Sampson, of Dighton, Mass. Conference voted to send a Delegate to the Classical School.

CALEB L. ROTCH, of Chilmark, Mass., (Brown University,) ordained joint-pastor of the church in New Sharon, and the church in Farmington Falls, Oct. 8, 1879. Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Bangor, *Moderator of the Council*, Rev. Albert W. Moore, of Farmington, *Scribe.*—Public services, 2. 30, P. M.—Anthem by the choir, "Be not far from me, O God;" Reading the Scriptures and Prayer, Mr. G. H. Chutter of Farmington; hymn, "Let Zion's watchmen all awake;" Sermon by the Moderator, 2 Cor. 5: 20. The office of the christian minister; ordaining prayer, by Moderator; charge to pastor, by Scribe; right-hand, Rev. J. W. H. Baker, of New Sharon, former pastor; address to people, Rev. U. W. Small, of Wilton; Anthem by choir,—"How beautiful upon the mountains;" Benediction by pastor.

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Rev. Daniel O. Clark, a. p. of these churches, from June, 1878, to June 9, 1879, resigned. Now at Stoughton, Mass., from January, 1880.

Historical sketch of Farmington Falls, and New Sharon, Ch. Mir., Nov. 29, 1879.

THE CHAPEL AT FARMINGTON FALLS, WAS DEDICATED Oct. 9, 1879,—Services at 2, P. M.—Voluntary by the choir; invocation, G. H. Chutter, of Farmington; reading Scriptures and prayer, Rev. J. Loring Pratt, of Strong; hymn; Sermon, Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Bangor, Sec. Maine Missionary Society,—2 Chron. 24: 13. The Christian church, in all its services and furnishings should be synbolical of true, spiritual worship; dedicatory prayer, Rev. Albert W. Moore, of Farmington; dedicatory hymn, by choir and congregation,—"O thou, whose own vast temple stands." Rev. F. M. Davis, F. W. B., of Farmington, and Rev. M. Foster, of New Sharon, participated in the services. A statement was made by Rev. Caleb L. Rotch, the pastor, referring to those who had aided in the building and finishing of the chapel; Shawmut Avenue church, Boston, First church, Lowell, Mass., High street church, Portland, Mrs. Stone, of Malden, and others included in a notice published in Ch. Mir., Oct. 25. Three tablets were furnished by Dea. Sewall, of Winthrop. The children of the place raised the money and bought the chandeliers and other lights for the audience room; the lights for the vestry were provided by the church in Farmington; the walnut trimmings of the pews, were the gift of Mr. Williams, who also went beyond his contract in much of the work of this neat edifice.

After an anthem by the choir, Rev. J. E. Adams asked the congregation for $135, to procure an organ. In a few moments, the response came with an increased amount—$164. Another anthem followed, and the services were closed with the benediction.

REV. HENRY FARRAR, (Bangor Sem., 1860,) acting-pastor at Weld, from Aug. 31, 1878.

Rev. Albert W. Moore, Farmington, received $60 from his people to add to his library.—Rev. Rowland B. Howard, after his return from Europe, gave to his former charge in Farmington, Sept. 21, 1879, some account of his travels—Letters while abroad were published in the Advance, in Ch. Mir., March 13, 1880.—In January, he accepted a call to supply at Rockport, Mass.

The church in Temple united in holding union services, from the week of prayer, which were quickening, and helpful, and there were some 40 or 50 conversions.

The State Sabbath School Convention was held in Farmington, Oct. 21, 22, 1879. Address by Webster Woodbury, of Skowhegan. Topics, in Ch. Mir., Oct. 18, reported Lewiston Journal, Oct. 23.

At the Semi-annual meeting of the Conference at Farmington, the sermons were by Rev. Caleb Lamb Rotch, of New Sharon, 2 Cor. 3:12. Theme. Living epistles. Rev. J. Loring Pratt, of Strong,—Matt. 3:12.—Heaven and Hell.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Farmington, Joseph P. Thwing; Farmington Falls, Mrs. Julia G. Brown; Industry, W. M. Bryant; New Sharon, F. M. Howes; New Vineyard, John McLain; Phillips, Joseph N. Worthly; Strong, S. B. Luce; Temple, Abel Sampson; Weld; Timothy H. Frye; Wilton, Edward P. Packard.

Edward P. Packard, of Wilton, *Scribe of Conference;* Rev. J. Loring Pratt, of Strong, *Reporter;* Dea. Joseph P. Thwing, of Farmington, *Treasurer.*

Next meeting in Farmington.

HANCOCK CONFERENCE.

Annual meeting in June. Organized in Bucksport, May 10, 1825. Semi-annual meeting—time appointed at the annual meeting.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING was held with the church in Somesville, Mt. Desert, Oct. 7, 8, 1879. Sermon,—Rev. Daniel W. Hardy, of Bluehill, Ps. 60: 4,—"Thou hast given a banner to those that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the

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truth."—Topics for remarks.—1. Christian integrity,—its place in business and professional life. 2. How shall we secure a higher standard of religion in our homes. 3. The revival spirit,—what it is, and how shall it be had, and kept in our churches. The reports of the state of the churches, represented a healthful, and generally prosperous condition. The Sabbath Schools are flourishing. The meeting on Wednesday evening, was devoted to the Sabbath School interest. The Lord's Supper, administered by Revs. Alfred E. Ives, and Lewis J. Thomas, of Castine. The installation of Rev. Albert N. Jones, as pastor of the church in Somesville, occupied the forenoon of Tuesday. The attendance from abroad was good, and the meetings of more than ordinary interest.—Ch. Mirror, Oct. 18.

The Fifty-fifth Annual Meeting, with the First Church, Deer Isle, June 1, 2, 1880, opened with a prayer-meeting, led by Rev. Hiram Houston, of Deer Isle. Dea. Thomas E. Hale, *Moderator*. Topics discussed,—The religious education of the young; the family; efforts on a broader range to reach the young with Christian influences; parents to attend the Sabbath-school with their children; mission Sabbath-schools; what place should the Maine Missionary Society hold in the contributions of the churches. Sermons, Rev. William Forsyth, of Bucksport,—2 Peter 3: 18. Growth, the law of the christian life.—Rev. Daniel W. Hardy, of Bluehill, John 1:29. "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." Report of the churches, by the Scribe. The Lord's Supper administered by Revs. Hiram Houston, and Daniel W. Hardy.

Union Conference of Churches in Deer Isle, held Jan. 7, 1880; in West Deer Isle, Feb. 24.

Rev. Albert Newton Jones, (Bangor, 1871,) was installed Pastor of the Church in Somesville, Mt. Desert, Oct. 7, 1879. Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine, *Moderator of the Council*; Rev. Daniel W. Hardy, of Bluehill, *Scribe*. Public services.—Hymn,—"Let me but hear my Saviour say, Strength shall be equal to thy day;" introductory services by the Scribe; sermon, Rev. William Forsyth, of Bucksport, Luke 16:10. The law of Christian fidelity; installing prayer, Rev. Sewall Tenney, D. D., of Ellsworth; charge to pastor, by Moderator; right-hand, by Scribe; hymn,—"We bid thee welcome, in the name of our exalted head;" address to the people, Rev. Amos Redlon, of Dexter; prayer, by Scribe; benediction, by Pastor.

Mr. J. supplies also at Bass Harbor; S. W. Harbor; S. W. Harbor, South side, where the meeting-house is located, and occasionally at Oak Hill, Beech Ridge, Seal Cove, and other districts down the sound. Letter from Mr. J., Ch. Mir., Dec. 27,'79.

Example of gathering out-districts for public worship, Ch. Mir., July 26, 1879.

Rev. Albert L. Payson, supplied at North Deer Isle during the summer of 1879.—Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine, supplies during the summer of 1880.

John M. Pierce, of China, at Isle au Haut, two months from June 1, 1879.

Mrs. Sarah M., wife of Rev. Sewall Tenney, D. D., died in Ellsworth, Jan. 14, 1880, æt. 72. Ob. R. in Ch. Mir., Jan. 31. The sum of $500 has been contributed at Ellsworth, in memoriam, to improve and beautify the chapel, which was built largely through her instrumentality.—In Bucksport, Feb. 25, Mrs. Hannah G. Buck, æt. 70.

Clerks of the Churches.—Amherst and Aurora, Everett W. Silsby, Aurora; Bluehill, Samuel B. Johnson; West Brooksville, Mrs. George W. Farnham; Bucksport, Dea. Edward Swasey; Castine, Rev. A. E. Ives; Deer Isle, First church, Dea. Joseph Saunders; Deer Isle, Second church, Wm. E. Powers, North Deer Isle; Ellsworth, John H. Brimmer; Isle au Haut, Elcy S. Turner; Orland, A. P. Emerson; Sedgwick and Brooksville, Dea. S. Allen, North Brooksville; Sedgwick Village, D. J. Cunningham, Brooklin; Somesville, E.E. Balson, Mt. Desert; Tremont and Mt. Desert, Thomas Clark, S. W. Harbor.

Rev. Daniel W. Hardy, of Bluehill, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference.*

The next meeting is at West Brooksville, in October, 1880.

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KENNEBEC CONFERENCE.

Annual meeting in June. Organized in Winthrop, Oct. 29, 1823.—Semi-annual meeting, fourth Tuesday and Wednesday in October.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING was held in connection with the Somerset Conference, in Showhegan, Oct. 7, 8, 1879. (See Somerset.)

THE FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING, was held with the church in Benton, June 8, 9, 1880. Opening sermon, by Rev. David L. Davis, of Pittston.—Sermon by Rev. Warren F. Bickford, of Winthrop, Judges 12:6.—Test of Christ in discipleship.

Conference sermon by Rev. Ezra N. Smith, of Waterville.—1 John 3:8.—Christ the conqueror of Satan.—Sermon Wednesday evening, Rev. W. C. Curtis, of Richmond.

Topics discussed,—1. The Sabbath a divine institution, and how should it be observed. 2. Sunday-school work,—how can children be helpful in promoting the interests of the Sunday-school? what is the relation of parents to Sunday-school work? 3. Loyalty to the church,—to its material prosperity; to its doctrinal belief; to its spiritual aims. 4. The signs of the times as to personal piety. 5. Missions.—County Women's Board. The interest of the Conference was enhanced by the presence of Mrs. B. G. Snow, of the Micronesian mission. Report of churches, by the Scribe. The Lord's Supper administered by Revs. J. T. Hawes, of Litchfield, and Amos Redlon, of Hallowell.

ALEXANDER WISWALL, of Glasgow, Scotland, (Dartmouth, 1873, Bangor, 1878,) was ordained and installed pastor of the church in Benton, Sept. 24, 1879. Rev. John Dinsmore, of Winslow, *Moderator of the Council*; Rev. Webster Woodbury, of Skowhegan, *Scribe*. Public services.—Anthem,—"I have set watchmen upon thy walls;" prayer, by Moderator; reading Scriptures, by the Scribe; hymn,—"O pray for the peace of Jerusalem;" sermon, Rev. Ezra N. Smith, of Waterville, Acts 5:20,—"Go, stand and speak in the temple, to the people, all the words of this life;" ordaining prayer, Rev. Thomas Adams, D. D., of Winslow; charge to pastor, by the Moderator; right-hand, Rev. Ezra N. Smith; charge to the people, by the Scribe; hymn,—"Come Christian brethren, ere we part;" benediction, by Pastor.

DAVID L. DAVIS, of Merthyr Tydfil, Wales, (Bangor Seminary, 1879,) was ordained and installed pastor of the church in Pittston, March 24, 1880. Rev. John Dinsmore, of Winslow, *Moderator of the Council;* Rev. Charles A. White, of Hallowell, *Scribe*. Services.—Reading Scriptures and prayer, Rev. William C. Curtis, of Richmond; anthem by the choir,—"The Lord is King;" sermon, Rev. Austin L. Park, of Gardiner, Psalms 43:3,—"O send out thy light, and thy truth; let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles;" ordaining prayer, Rev. Josiah T. Hawes, of Litchfield; anthem,—"how beautiful upon the mountains;" charge to pastor, by the Moderator; right-hand, Rev. Alexander Wiswall, of Benton Falls; address to people, by the Scribe; anthem,—"I have set watchmen;" prayer, Rev. Jonathan Edwards, of West Newfield; benediction, by Pastor.

Died in Richmond, June 6, 1879, Mrs. Lizzie, wife of James L. Kensington, æt. 32, daughter of the late Sewall Baker, and grand-daughter of Dea. Smith Baker, and Dea. Isaac Smith, all of Litchfield. Ob. Ch. Mir., Aug. 2.—In Pittston, Sept. 18, Dea. David A. White, æt. 75. "An active, zealous and useful Christian, and generous contributor." A. L. P., Cong'list, Oct. 15.—In Winslow, Dec. 1, Mrs. Susan G. Rice, æt. 73, widow of Thomas Rice, Esq., and daughter of Col. Greene. Ob. J. D., Cong'list, Dec. 24.—In Winthrop, Dea. Stephen Sewall, æt. 87. He will long be remembered by his gifts of beautiful tablets to many of the Churches and Sabbath-schools of our State,—and by his silent yet powerful protests on the printed page against the use of intoxicating drinks and tobacco.—In Northbridge, Mass., Mrs. B. Adalene, wife of Rev. J. T. Crumrine, (at Waterville, 1874-'5,) æt. 27. Ob. Cong'list, June 2, 1880.

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In Litchfield, June 1, 1880, Dea. John Hancock, aet. 83. He was an officer at Otisfield in his younger days, and since 1857, at Litchfield. He was also clerk of the church—faithful and true everywhere. Ob. J. T. H., Mirror, July 10.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Augusta, Dea. Edward A. Nason; Benton, Dea. Hines L. Crosby; Clinton, A. M. Billings; Gardiner, Rev. A. L. Park; Hallowell, Dea. S. K. Gilman, a. c.; Litchfield, Asa P. Smith; Monmouth, Dea. M. J. Metcalf; Pittston, E. A. Lapham; Richmond, Dea. B. F. Tallman; Sidney, Geo. A. Sawtelle; Vassalboro, Otis Hawes; Waterville, Joseph L. Towne; Winslow, W. Patterson; Winthrop, Dea. Henry Woodward.

Rev. William C. Curtis, of Richmond, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference.*

Semi-annual meeting of Somerset and Kennebec Conference, in Waterville, October, 1880.

LINCOLN & SAGADAHOC CONFERENCE.

Organized in Alna, June 8, 1825. Annual meeting in June.

THE FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING was held with the church in Topsham, June 8, 9, 1880. Rev. Flavius V. Norcross, of Union, *Moderator.* Opening sermon, Rev. John J. Blair, of Rockland, Ps. 11:3.—The forces at work to shake the foundations of society.—Conference sermon, Rev. Charles H. Pope, of Thomaston, Matt.5:16. How may we overcome the prevailing indifference to the claims of religion. Topics for remarks.—Our dependence upon the Holy Spirit; the prayer of faith,—what is it? and what should be expected from its exercise; loyalty to the church of its members.—1. As to its material interests. 2. As to its doctrinal belief. 3. As to its spiritual aims; the Bible Society; missions. At the opening of the Tuesday evening meeting, a praise-meeting was held. The report of the churches, by Rev. F. V. Norcross, showed a good degree of prosperity. The ladies held a special missionary meeting. The Lord's Supper administered by Revs. Henry O. Thayer, of Woolwich, and Dr. Fiske, of Bath.

REV. JEREMIAH EVARTS POND, (Bowdoin, 1853, Bangor, 1856,) installed pastor of the Second church, Warren, June 19, 1879. See report in Minutes, 1879, p. 75.

WILLIAM ROGERS RICHARDS, (Yale, 1875, Andover, 1879,) ordained and installed pastor of Central church, Bath, October 16, 1879. Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D., of Winter street church, Bath, *Moderator of the Council;* Rev. Charles A. Dickinson, of Second church, Portland, *Scribe.* Council met at 3 P. M.—Ordination services, 7.30 P. M. Invocation, and reading of the Scriptures, Rev. Henry O. Thayer, of Woolwich; prayer, Rev. William P. Fisher, of Brunswick; sermon, Rev. Edward Y. Hincks, of State st. church, Portland, 1 Cor. 4:1.—"Ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mystery of God;" ordaining prayer, Rev. Alpheus S. Packard, D. D., of Bowdoin College; charge to pastor, Rev. Austin L. Park, of Gardiner; right-hand, by the Moderator; address to people by Scribe; benediction by pastor. Anthems and hymns formed a part of the service.

Rev. WILLIAM HART, pastor of Central ch., Bath, from 1870, Nov. 2, was dismissed by Council, Dec. 30, 1878. Rev. William H. Fenn, of High st. church, Portland, *Moderator*; Rev. William C. Curtis, of Richmond, *Scribe.*

Rev. Flavius V. Norcross, of Union, preaches at North Appleton, Sab. afternoons.

Rev. Charles G. Holyoke, supplies at Phipsburg, from May 1, 1880. He supplied previously a Union church, in Vinalhaven, Knox county.

Dea. Henry C. Robinson, of the Second church, Newcastle, approved for the Gospel ministry by the Lincoln West Association, and received license for three years. He has supplied the church in Alna.

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Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D., pastor Winter St. church, Bath, at the close of service Aug. 17, 1879, referred to his having been installed pastor of that church 36 years ago, that day. Of the eighteen members of the Council, that was called for the installation, only three remain. Of the 277 members of the church at that time, only 43 remain; 465 have been added to the church. During the last half of his pastorate, more have been received than during the first half. The number of funerals attended, 1142, average 32 a year; marriages, 480; sermons preached, 3,531, an average of 98 each year.

The meeting-house of the Central church, Bath, was newly painted and renovated in the autumn. The grounds around Winter St. church, Bath, have been graded.

Rev. Ray Palmer, D. D., a former pastor of Central church, Bath, gives in Mirror, March 27, 1880, reminiscences of Maine, and Maine ministers,—Cummings, Gillett, Ellingwood, Pomroy, Maltby, Tappan, Thurston, Shepard, Condit, Dwight, Chickering, Adams, Hawes, Fiske, Whitlesey, and Beard.

Mrs. A. B. Spooner, widow of Wing Spooner, of Levant, died Jan. 10, 1880, at the residence of her son-in-law, Rev. G. B. Richardson, East Alstead, N. H., aged 83. Mr. R. was former pastor at Newcastle.—Dea. Thomas Stimpson, in Bath, Apr. 15, 1880, aet. 69. Ob., Ch. Mir., May 1. Sermon by Rev. Dr. Fiske, at funeral.—Dea. Rufus Sewall, in Edgecomb, Apr. 30, aet. 93.—Clerk of the church for many years.

The Sagadahoc Sabbath School Convention, in Phipsburg, Aug. 12, 1879.—Knox and Lincoln, S. S. Convention, Nobleboro, Sept. 10. Ex-Gov. Dingley delivered the address.

Clerks of the Churches.—Alna, Dea. Jeremiah Pearson; Bath, Winter street, Rev. J. O. Fiske; Bath, Central, Charles Clapp, jr.; Boothbay, First church, Daniel Dodge, North Boothbay; Boothbay, Second church, Dea. James T. Beath; Bremen, J. P. Hilton; Bristol, Rev. L. D. Evans; Edgecomb, Samuel Clifford; Lisbon, Mrs. A. M. Shea, Lisbon Falls, a. c.; Newcastle, First church, C. C. Laiten, Sheepscot Bridge; Newcastle, Second church, Rev. Wm. F. Obear; Phipsburg, Nathaniel C. Read; Rockland, A. J. Shaw; Thomaston, Dea. Joshua A. Fuller; Topsham, Rev. Daniel F. Potter; Union, Augustus Vaughn; Waldoboro, First church, Geo. Allen; Waldoboro, Second church, Jacob Winchenbeau; Warren, Isaac P. Starrett; Washington, Rev. J. J. Bulfinch, a. c.; Wiscasset, Silas L. Jones; Woolwich, Rev. Henry O. Thayer.

Rev. Nahum W. Grover, of Topsham, *Scribe of Conference;* Rev. Flavius V. Norcross, of Union, *Reporter*; Rev. William F. Obear, of Newcastle, *Treasurer;* Joel Houston, of Damariscotta, *Auditor.* Next meeting in Rockland.

OXFORD CONFERENCE.

Organized in Bridgton, Jan. 16, 1824. Annual meeting first Tuesday and Wednesday in June. Semi-annual meeting third Tuesday and Wednesday in October.

The Semi-annual Meeting was held with the church in Gilead, Oct. 7,8, 1879. Rev. David Garland, of the Second church, Bethel, *Moderator*; Hervey W. Chapman, of Bethel, *Scribe, p. t.* The opening sermon, by Rev. Samuel W. Pearson, of Andover, Hag. 2:7,—"I will shake all nations," etc., "and I will fill this house with glory." Topics for discussion,—Fidelity to conscience; daily use of the word of God; how should Sunday-school lessons be prepared by teachers and pupils; what can be done toward securing a better attendance in the Sunday-school; the duty of the church to the community in which it is located; how may we secure a genuine and thorough revival of religion among our churches and congregations. The work and claims of the Maine Missionary Society were presented by Rev. Addison Blanchard; and of the American Congregational Union, by the Moderator. A communication was read from Rev. Henry Richardson, an aged minister, and invalid, residing

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in Gilead. Resolutions were adopted in memory of Rev. John Elliot, who died in Rumford, March 15, 1879. Four young ladies were baptized, and received into the church, by the Moderator, after which the Lord's Supper was administered. Rev. Addison Blanchard, State Missionary, and Frederick E. Emrich, of Cumberland North Conference, officiating. Lewiston J'l, Oct. 17, Ch. Mir., Oct. 25.

THE FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING was held with the church in Sumner, June 8, 9, 1880, Dea. H. N. Bolster, of Paris, *Moderator*. Opening sermon by Rev. David Garland, of Bethel. Scripture lesson, Isaiah 53. Text of sermon, 1st Peter 1:8. Christian personal experience as to faith in, and love to Christ. Conference sermon, Rev. A. J. Benedict, Matt. 22:11—13. The wedding garment. Topics for discussion.—1. Christian ordinances,—the origin of them; the need of them; the importance of their regular support; the obligation of non-professors to aid fully for their support. A meeting of the Bible Society was held. There were several gospel prayer-meetings. The claims of the Sabbath and Sabbath-schools presented. The Lord's Supper was administered by Revs. Stephen L. Bowler, of Bethel, and Edward E. Bacon, of Norway. Lewiston J'l, June 9. Ch. Mir., June 19.

THOMAS PHILIP WILLIAMS, of Llanynddyfri, Wales, (Bangor, 1879,) was ordained and installed pastor of the church in Gilead, Me., and the church in Shelburne, N. H., Oct. 8, 1879, Rev. Stephen L. Bowler, of First church, Bethel, *Moderator of the Council;* Rev. Edward E. Bacon, of Norway, *Scribe*. Council met at 7:30 A. M. Ordination services in the Union church, Gilead, 2 P. M.—Voluntary and anthem, by choir; preliminary statement, by Moderator; invocation, Rev. Frederick E. Emrich, of Mechanic Falls; reading the Scriptures, Titus, 2d chapter, Rev. Hervey W. Chapman, of Bethel; sermon, Rev. Addison Blanchard, of Bangor, Heb. 3:12. Theme,—Faith,—as illustrated by the children of Israel at Kadeshbarnea; ordaining prayer, Rev. Henry Farrar, of Weld; charge to pastor, Rev. David Garland, of 2d church, Bethel; right-hand, Rev. Arthur J. Benedict, of Gorham, N. H.; charge to the people, by Moderator; anthem,—"How beautiful upon the mountains"; prayer, by the Scribe; benediction, by the Pastor.

REV. STEPHEN LONGFELLOW BOWLER, (Colby Univ., 1847, Bangor, 1852.) was installed pastor of the First church, Bethel, Oct. 30, 1879. Rev. Javan K. Mason, D. D., of Fryeburg, *Moderator of the Council*; Rev. Charles D. Crane, of South Paris, *Scribe*. Council met at 2 P. M. Installation services, 7 P. M. Organ voluntary by Miss Annie Mason; invocation and reading of the Scriptures, Rev. Thomas P. Williams, of Gilead; anthem, by the choir; sermon, by the Moderator,—Esther 4:14, l. c.—Theme,—individual responsibility; anthem, by the choir; installing prayer, Rev. David Garland, of 2d church. Bethel; charge to pastor, by Moderator; right-hand, Rev. Samuel W. Pearson, of Andover; charge to people, by the Scribe; prayer, Rev. Arthur J. Benedict, of Gorham, N. H.; benediction, by pastor. Lewiston J'l, Nov. 1, Ch. Mir., Nov. 15. The pastor published and distributed in Jan., 1880, a card of subjects for Wednesday evening meetings during the year.

Rev. Charles D. Crane, acting-pastor at South Paris, from June 1877, resigned Jan., 1880. Rev. Edward E. Bacon, of Norway, supplies the two places.

Mr. S. A. Burnaby, *Lic.*, supplied three months in Rumford, last autumn.

Rev. Hervey W. Chapman, a member of Second church, Bethel, and who studied at Bowdoin and Yale, but was prevented by ill health from pursuing theological studies further, as he designed, has gone to Ray, Kansas, under direction of the Am. Home Missionary Society; he has been ordained, and is doing much earnest work.

The church-edifice at South Paris, has been re-modeled, frescoed and re-furnished, at an expense of $3000. Dedicatory services were held Aug. 17. Sermon by Rev. C. D. Crane, a. p., on the sphere of the pulpit. Rev. Henry C. Bolster, of Everett, Mass., once a member of the church in S. P., also took part in the services.

The centennial of the settlement of Paris was observed Sept. 11. Report in full published in the Lewiston J'l, Sept. 12. The ecclesiastical history was prepared by Rev. H. C. Estes, D. D.

The Norway and Paris S. S. Convention was held in South Paris, March 3, 1880. The Oxford County Reform Club Convention, in Buckfield, May 18.

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Died in Sumner, Jan. 29, Mrs. Abigail Hersey, widow of Col. James Hersey, æt. 83. A mother in Israel.—In Norway, April 2, Mrs. Harriet S. Andrews, æt. 81. Ob. Christian Mirror, April 10.—In Bethel, April 7, Hon. Robert N. Chapman, æt. 73. He united with the First church, Bethel, in 1839. He was honored and respected for his integrity, industry, frugality and temperance. A liberal contributor towards sustaining the ordinances of the gospel.—Miss Florence Gould, a daughter of Rev. Mark Gould, (at Andover, 1851-8,) died in Ashburnham, Mass., æt. 27.

A corrected return from the First church, Bethel, was received after the tables had been made up, finally. It should have been as follows: Added during the year on profession, 5; by letter, 5. Total, 10. Removed by death, 6; dismission, 4. Total, 10. Baptized, adults, 4; Infants, 4; Contributions, Maine Missionary Society, $45; Am. Miss'ry Asso., $27; A. B. C. F. M., $16. Total, $88.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Andover, Rev. S. W. Pearson; Berlin Falls, N. H., Rev. Arthur J. Benedict; Bethel, 1st ch, J. U. Purington; Bethel, 2d ch., Rev. David Garland; Dixfield, D. S. Libbey; Gilead, Henry Wight; Gorham, N. H. Rev. A. J. Benedict; Norway, 1st ch., J. F. Holt; Norway, 2d ch., T. G. Goodwin; Oxford, M. A. Ellis; Rumford, J. R. Elliot. p. t.; Shelburne, N. H., Dea. E. P. Green; South Paris, Stephen R. Parsons; Sumner, J. T. Stetson, East Sumner; Upton, A. W. Strickland.

Arthur W. Valentine, of Bethel, *Scribe and Treasurer*; Dea. T. G. Goodwin, of Norway, *Reporter of Sabbath Schools*. Next meeting in Bethel.

PENOBSCOT CONFERENCE.

Organized in Brownville, Jan. 11, 1825. Annual meeting second Tuesday and Wednesday in June. Semi-annual meeting, 2d Tuesday and Wednesday in January,

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING was held with the First church, Bangor, Jan. 13, 14, 1880. Dea. George A. Snow, of Brewer, *Moderator;* James A. Dole, of Bangor, *Scribe*, p. t. The session opened with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Clarence S. Sargent, of Brewer Village. John 15th chapter, read. Topics discussed—1. How to study the Bible. 2. The value and importance of papers and books on missions, in Sabbath-school libraries, and families. 3. Improvement in the libraries of our Sunday-schools. 4. Attendance of children and youth at the church prayer-meeting. 5. Home charities. 6. The obligations of church members to sustain gospel ordinances, and attend diligently upon them. Rev. Amos Redlon, of Hallowell, gave a clear and interesting statement of the present condition, prospects and needs of the Classical School, in Hallowell; and Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, (Secretary) of the Maine Missionary Society. The auxiliary Woman's Board of Missions of Penobscot county, held a session on Tuesday afternoon, in the vestry. Conference sermon, Rev. Clarence A. Beckwith, of Brewer,—Rom. 1: 16 Theme,—The power of the Gospel of Christ. The ordinance of the Lord's Supper, administered by Rev. Drs. John S. Sewall, and George W. Field. Bangor Whig, Jan. 14, 15. Ch. Mir., January 24.

THE FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING with the church in Hampden, June, 8, 9, 1880. Dea. George A. Snow, *Moderator*. After devotional exercises, the report of the State of the Churches by Dea. E. F. Duren, of Bangor, was read by him. On Tuesday, P. M., prayer-meeting, led by Rev. C. S. Fitz, of Kenduskeag. Wednesday, A. M., led by Rev. C. A. Beckwith, of Brewer. Topics for discussion,—1. Sabbath desecration,—its cause, effect and remedy. 2. The use of the prayer-meeting, and the relation to it of the feeble members of the church. 3. The relation of Christians to each other, and to the unconverted.

The evening meeting on Tuesday for praise, and for question-box and answers, was attended with much interest, and a wide range of important practical topics was briefly and pithily treated, before a large and attentive audience.

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The following minute was adopted in memory of Rev. Benjamin G. Snow:

Whereas, Our deceased brother was a member of this Conference before he became a missionary; was known to some of us from his youth as a man of peculiar excellence of character;

And whereas, In his missionary life he exhibited great wisdom, consecration, and fidelity to his most solitary and self-denying work, in which the Master bestowed upon him largely the grace and honor of achieving the rescue of those islands from heathenism;

1. *Resolved*, That we, first of all, gratefully acknowledge the grace of God thus manifested in him.

2. *Resolved*, That we earnestly commend the example of Brother Snow's life, character, and labor to the consideration of our youth, especially of college and theological students, inasmuch as no earthly success in life is worthy to be compared with such results.

3. *Resolved*, That to Mrs. Snow who nobly shared and sustained all her husband's labors, we extend the expression of our Christian sympathy, and the assurance that we do and will seek for her that divine support and consolation which can change her sorrow into joy.

CYRUS HAMLIN, S. L. B. SPEARE, GEO. A. THATCHER, Com. of Conference.

A meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions, of which there are several local branches, was held in the vestry. Reports were received from them, and Mrs. B.G. Snow, of the Micronesian mission, made remarks. Committees were appointed to visit the churches. Conference sermon, by Rev. Edward C. Crane, of Holden, Matt. 4:23. "First the blade," etc. The Lord's Supper administered by Rev. Cyrus Hamlin, D. D., and Rev. S. L. B. Speare. The general love and spirit pervading the meetings were excellent, and all departed refreshed and encouraged. Reported Bangor Whig, June 9, 10, Ch. Mir., June 12, 19.

REV. STEPHEN LEWIS BATES SPEARE, (Dartmouth, 1854, Andover and Chicago, 1854-5,—'67-8—'73.4,) installed pastor First church, Bangor, June 5, 1879. Record, Minutes, 1879, p. 78.

EDWARD CLARENCE CRANE, of Hyde Park, Vt., (Bangor, 1879,) was ordained to the gospel ministry at Holden, Sept. 3, 1879, Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Bangor, *Moderator of Council*; Rev. Alfred J. McGown, of Orono, *Scribe*. Council met at 10 A. M. Services of ordination, 2 P. M. Invocation, by Scribe; Scripture selections and prayer, Rev. George H. Wilson, of Globe Village, Mass.; sermon, Rev. John S. Sewall, D. D., of Bangor Seminary; ordaining prayer, Rev. Albert G. Fitz, of Hampden; charge, Rev. Levi L. Paine, of Bangor Seminary; right-hand, Rev. Solomon P. Fay, of Bangor; prayer, by the Moderator; benediction, Rev. Edward C. Crane. Mr. C. supplies the churches in Holden and Dedham,—commenced in Holden, June 9, 1878. Bangor Whig, Sept. 5, Ch. Mir., Sept. 13.

CLARENCE SPALDING SARGENT, of Gilmanton, N. H., (Dartmouth, 1876,) Yale Sem., 1877-'8,) ordained and installed pastor of the church in Brewer Village, and the church in East Orrington, Oct. 1, 1879. Rev. Solomon P. Fay, of Hammond St. church, Bangor, *Moderator of Council*; James H. Crosby, of First ch., Bangor, *Scribe*. Council met at 10 A. M. Ordination services at 2 P. M. Anthem by the choir,—"And the mountain of the Lord shall be established;" invocation, Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Bangor; Scripture selections, Rev. Albert G. Fitz, of Hampdem; anthem,—"We will go into the courts of the Lord;" prayer, Rev. Clarendon A. Stone, of Hopkinton, N. H., who supplied the two churches, 1871-2; hymn 1139, Church Hymn Book,—"How beauteous are their feet;" sermon, by Rev. Samuel J. Spalding, D. D., of Newburyport, Mass., (an uncle of the candidate,) John 17:4. As Christ had, so do his followers have a definite work assigned them to do,—a continuous work, lasting one's life; then only will it be finished; ordaining prayer, Rev. Levi L. Paine, D. D., of Bangor Seminary; charge to pastor, Rev. S. Lewis B. Speare, of First ch., Bangor; right-hand, Rev. Clarence A. Beckwith, First ch., Brewer; address to the people, Rev. Addison Blanchard, of Bangor; hymn 1128, read by Rev. Edward C. Crane, of Holden,—"Spirit of peace and holiness,—This new-created union bless"; prayer, Rev. Cyrus Hamlin, D. D., of Bangor Theological Seminary; benediction by the pastor.

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By the same Council,—Rev. JONATHAN EDWARDS, who was pastor at East Orrington from 1876, was released from the pastorate of that church.—Mr. E. is now at West Newfield.

The decoration of flowers and evergreens in the church-edifice at Brewer Village, where these services were held, were in good taste, and the emblems over the pulpit, significant—a shield, having inscribed thereon, a Latin motto, "Mine and Thine",—"In Peace", over which were two hands clasped,—signifying the union between the two churches.—On each side of the pulpit were scripture mottos, and in the center, the dates 1843—1879, the first date being that of the organization of the church in Brewer Village; the same figures, with one transposition, (1834) the date of the organization of the church in East Orrington. Reported Bangor Whig, Oct. 2, Ch. Mir., Oct. 4. The pastor's statement of belief before the Council, was published in Ch. M., Nov. 15.

REV. SOLOMON P. FAY, released from the pastorate of Hammond St. Church, Bangor, Dec. 19, 1879, to take effect Dec. 31, 1879, Rev. Cyrus Hamlin, D. D. of Bangor Sem., *Moderator of Council*, Rev. Clarence A. Beckwith, of Brewer, *Scribe*. Reported Bangor Whig, Dec, 17, 18. Ch. Mirror, Dec. 27, Jan. 3. Mr. F. was installed pastor, 1866, Nov. 8.

The pulpit has been supplied since by the Professors in the Seminary, and from April 1, 1880, by Rev. Charles L. Mills.

CENTRAL CHURCH, BANGOR.

Charles Edwin Fitz, (Bangor, '76,) acting-pastor at Kenduskeag from Jan. 28, 1880.

Rev. Addison Blanchard, State Missionary the last two years, accepts a call to St. John, N. B., and commenced his labors there July 1, 1880. Rev. Charles L. Mills supplied at St. John a few months during the autumn and winter.

The church at Oldtown, introduced in September, Robinson's "Spiritual Songs," for the service of song.

A Congregational Club was formed in Bangor, Dec. 12, 1879. Rev. Cyrus Hamlin, D. D., was elected President, but at a subsequent meeting declined, and Hon. Joseph S. Wheelwright was chosen President. Hon. Samuel F. Humphrey and James H. Crosby, Vice-Presidents; James W. Milliken, Secretary; J. G. Clark, Treasurer; Hon. Samuel D. Thurston, Dea. Wm. P. Hubbard, Rev. John S. Sewall, D. D., and President and Vice-Presidents, ex-officiis,—Executive Committee.

It has held monthly meetings, and discussed various topics; among them, the cultivation of patriotism; our common school system; instruction in morals and temperance in our schools; sanitary regulations.

A course of fort-nightly lectures was given in Bangor, in November and December, inaugurated by the First church, with the co-operation of the sister churches.

Woman's Board Auxiliaries, for Foreign Missions, are formed in Bangor, Brewer, Hampden and Orono, who have held monthly meetings. Report of annual meet-

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ing of Bangor Auxiliary April 14, in Bangor Whig, April 17; Ch. Mir., April 24. Woman's Maine Missionary Auxiliaries have been organized in the churches.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of the State, held its annual session in Bangor, Oct. 2, 3.

Mrs. Fannie Wells Putnam, died in Millbury, Mass., Aug. 6, 1879, æt. 38. She was the daughter of Rev. James Wells, pastor at Dedham, and wife of Rev. George A. Putnam, pastor at Yarmouth. Boston J'l, Aug. 8.—Mrs. Miriam Dole, in Bangor. Oct. 6, æt. 65. Ob., Ch. Mir., Nov. 8.—Dea. Philip Kenniston, in Hampden, April 5, 1880, æt. 80.—Notices in New England Historical and Geneological Register, Boston, 1878, p. 90, of Margaret Brewer, died in Brewer, and of Col. Joseph Porter, Lowell, 1878, p. 260.

West Bangor Chapel.—The Sixth Anniversary,—and the thirty-second anniversary of the Sabbath-school, held June 6, 1880. Address by Rev. Smith Baker, of Lowell, Mass. Bangor Courier, June 7, Ch. Mir., June 13. Services every Sabbath afternoon, and Sabbath and Friday evenings. Mr. William P. Todd, stated supply.

At North Bangor, and Essex St., Bangor, services and Sabbath-schools, are also held.

Clerks of the Churches.—Bangor, 1st Ch., John S. Ellis; Bangor, Hammond Street Ch., Dea. E. F. Duren; Bangor, Central Ch., Henry S. Brown; Bangor, East, Allen C. Tibbets; Brewer, 1st Ch., Rev. C. A. Beckwith; Brewer Village, Daniel Sargent, 2d; Burlington, Miss M. C. Scammon: Dedham, Benj. P. Todd; Dixmont and Plymouth, Edward Taylor, p. t.; Dixmont, Geo. H. Thayer, a. c., Plymouth; Hampden, Augustus Alden; Holden, George C. Wiswall; Kenduskeag, Orren R. Barrows; Lincoln, Robert R. Ballantyne; Oldtown, C. A. Bailey; Orono, Dea. Joseph Greaves; East Orrington, Ephraim Goodale; Upper Stillwater, Ida Rogers; Veazie, Dea. Nahum Warren.

Rev. Clarence S. Sargent, of Brewer Village, *Scribe of Conference;* Dea. E. F. Duren, *Treasurer.* Semi-annual meeting with the First church, Brewer, Jan. 11, 12, 1881.

PISCATAQUIS CONFERENCE.

Organized in Foxcroft, Sept. 20, 1842. Annual meeting, two weeks before annual meeting of General Conference in June, Tuesday and Wednesday. Semi-annual meeting, third Tuesday in October.

Semi-Annual Meeting, was held with the church in Garland, Oct. 21, 22, 1879. Rev. Charles Davison, of Greenville, *Moderator.* The session commenced with a season of prayer and praise. Sermon, Tuesday P. M., by Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, Sec. of Maine Missionary Society,—John 14: 23.—Keeping the commandments, proof of love to Christ. Conference sermon, Wednesday P. M., Rev. Amos Redlon, of Dexter,—Luke 24: 29. The great want of the church, both in its individual and collective capacity, is the abiding presence of Christ. Topics discussed,—1. Church work, as relating to Temperance, and other moral reforms. 2. The duty of the church to its individual members—the duty of individual members to the church,—individual responsibility. 3. Christian character,—how manifested,—how marred,—how magnified. 4. How make the teachings of the pulpit and the Sabbath-school more attractive and helpful to the children; how help them decide for Christ. 5. The claims of religion, upon the young, especially young men. Report of the churches by the delegates. Home and foreign missions, and other benevolent objects were presented at a meeting in the Town Hall; the claims of the Maine Missionary Society by its Secretary, and a report of the recent meeting of the Am. Bd. C. F. M., in Syracuse, N. Y., by Rev. Herbert A. Loring, of Foxcroft. The ordinance of the Lord's Supper was administered by Rev. Charles L. Nichols, of Brownville, and Rev. H. A. Loring, of Foxcroft.

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A meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary Board of Missions, was held Wednesday P.M.

THE THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING was held with the church in Dexter, June 8, 9, 1880. Topics discussed.—1. Church Conferences,—Local, County, and General Conferences,—their designs, benefits, and our obligations to them. 2. The revival spirit in our churches,—its need, how secured, how maintained. 3. The relation of the young people to the social meetings. 4. The Christian, the world's Bible. 5. Faith without works is dead. 6. Maine Missions. Conference sermon, by Rev. Addison Blanchard, State Missionary. Colossians, 3:17.—"Do all in the name of the Lord Jesus." Lord's Supper administered by Revs. Peter B. Thayer, of Garland, and Herbert A. Loring, of Foxcroft, Dea. Copeland, of Dexter, and Dea. Rideout, of Garland,—assisting.

Rev. Jehiel S. Richards, pastor in Dexter, from 1877, June 23, resigned, 1880, June 23. Efforts have been made by the pastor and church by a course of lectures, and other means, to secure funds to complete the church-edifice. Minutes, p. 9.

The church of Foxcroft and Dover pledged Jan. 1, $1300 to extinguish their debt.—Reported by Pastor, Ch. M., Jan. 17. Reference to State Conference in F. Ch. M., May 22, June 12, July 3.

Dea. John G. Mayo, an officer of the Foxcroft and Dover Church, died Dec. 9, 1879. Ob., H. A. L., Ch. M., Jan. 10.—Mrs. Lois Gurney, the mother of Rev. John H. Gurney, former pastor, (now in Iowa,) died at East Somerville, Mass., May 4, aet. 86.

The Piscataquis Sabbath-school Convention, at Sebec, Sep. 23.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Abbot Village, Washington W. Delano; Atkinson, R. B. Gould; Blanchard, Daniel Blanchard; Brownville, E. W. Stickney; Dexter, P. J. Abbott; Foxcroft and Dover, C. H. B. Woodbury, of Dover; Garland, Rev. P. B. Thayer; Greenville, Rev. Charles Davison; Monson, Gustavus B. Hescock; Sangerville, Dea. Joseph Fowler.

Rev. Rufus W. Emerson, of Monson, *Scribe of Conference:* C. H. B. Woodbury, of Dover, *Treasurer*. Next meeting in Greenville, Oct. 19, 20, 1880.

SOMERSET CONFERENCE.

Organized in Norridgewock, Oct. 1, 1823. Annual meeting in June. Semi-annual meeting, no regular day; usually in October.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF SOMERSET AND KENNEBEC CONFERENCE united, was held with the church in Skowhegan, October 7, 8, 1879, Rev. Benjamin Tappan, D. D., *Scribe, p. t.*—The Conference and opening sermon by Prof. Henry L. Chapman, of Bowdoin College, John 18:36—38,—The kingship of Christ,—as grounded on his witness to the truth.—Topics discussed,—1. Church work, as it relates to temperance and other moral reforms; home evangelization; the State and the Country; the world. 2. Children,—how to make the teachings of the pulpit attractive to them; how help them to a decision for Christ. 3. Essay,—The worth of the soul. Discussion,—obstacles in the way of the salvation of the soul; provisions for its salvation; means to be used to secure its salvation. 4. How to make the laity of our churches most efficient,—adults, and young Christians. 5. The need of more spiritual power, by both ministry and laity, in order to reach the unconverted, and bring in the non-church goers. The claims of the Me. Miss'y Soc. were presented by Secretary Adams. Rev. Peter B. Thayer, of Piscataquis Conference, and Mrs. Whitney, the Evangelist were present, and took part in the services. The meeting Wednesday evening, a preaching service by Mrs. Whitney, of Hartford, Conn., was opened by a service of praise, led by Dea. Hawes, of Augusta. Ch. Mir., Oct. 18.

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THE FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING, with the church in North New Portland, June 8, 9, 1880. Rev. Thomas G. Mitchell, of Madison, *Moderator*. Opening sermon, Rev. Richard M. Peacock, of Solon, Isa. 3:1. Topic,—Awake. Conference sermon, Rev. Benjamin Tappan, D. D., of Norridgewock, Jer. 15:5,—"Who shall have pity upon thee, O Jerusalem," etc. Discussions,—The Gospel,—responsibility in reference to its spread; to the personal acceptance of it; the result it is adapted and designed to secure; its relation to individual character; to society at large; to civilization. The ordinance of the Lord's Supper,—Rev. Benjamin Tappan, D. D., and the Moderator.

RICHARD MACQUEEN PEACOCK, (Bangor Sem., 1878,) was ordained in Solon, as an Evangelist,—Rev. Thomas G. Mitchell, of Madison, *Moderator of the Council;* Rev. Webster Woodbury, of Skowhegan, *Scribe*. Introductory service, Rev. G. D. Holmes, of the Methodist church, and Rev. Mr. Tilton, of N. H. Sermon, Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, Bangor, 2 Cor. 5:20. Ambassadors for Christ; installing prayer, Rev. John Dinsmore, of Winslow; charge, by the Scribe; right-hand, Rev. Ezra N. Smith, of Waterville; prayer by Moderator. Mr. P. is supplying the church in Solon, and that in Bingham.

Rev. John W. Brownville, who has supplied these churches, from Dec. 1877, has removed to Massachusetts.

The pastor of the church in Skowhegan, issues by the heliograph process, a statement of the history of the church for the past year,—its additions, removals, benevolent enterprises, parish expenses, etc., with a list of the officers of church and parish.

The 14th anniversary of the Sabbath-school was held Jan. 25. Reported Ch. Mir., Feb. 7.

Repairs were made on the meeting-house in Norridgewock, in September.

The Somerset County Sabbath-school Convention was held in Norridgewock, Feb. 17, 1880.

Reference to Rev. Temple Cutler's labors in Charleston, S. C.,—Advance, Apr. 15, 1880. His experience in regard to freedmen, Am. Missionary for March, pps. 76,77. Mr. C. was former pastor in Skowhegan.

Dr. W. B. Leavitt, clerk of the church in Athens, died Oct. 1879.—Vital statistics, by H. A. Hazen, of Rev. Cyrus Stone, referred to in Minutes, 1879, p. 82, in Cong'l Year-Book, 1880, p. 28.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Anson, Arthur Dinsmore; Athens, John Webster; Bingham, T. F. Houghton; Madison, Dr. C. D. Morrill; Madison East, Mark Hobart; Mercer, Albert J. Downes; New Portland North, Dr. W. H. Stevens; Norridgewock, H. N. Page; Skowhegan, Hon. James Bell; Solon, Dr. Mortimer Bodwell; South Solon, Frank F. Houghton; St. Albans, Nathaniel Merrill.

A. R. Bixby, of Skowhegan, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference*. Semi-annual meeting, which will be in union with the Kennebec Conference, will be held in Oct., 1880, in Kennebec county.

UNION CONFERENCE.

Organized in Bridgton, June 14, 1836. Annual meeting Tuesday, previous to the second Wednesday in June, (two days.) Semi-annual meeting last Tuesday in October, (two days.)

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING was held with the church in Bridgton, Oct. 28, 29, 1879. Rev. Nehemiah Lincoln, of North Bridgton, *Moderator*. Opening sermon, Rev. Albert Cole, supplying at Hiram, Jude 3, "earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints." Conference sermon, Rev. Lewis Goodrich, of Lovell, Acts 2:4,—"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost." Topics for remarks,—How shall the churches of the Conference increase their usefulness; family worship; the

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faults of the pulpit as seen from the pew; how win souls to Christ; ought our churches to give more attention to mission work in their own immediate vicinity; temperance; claims of the Maine Missionary Society were presented by Rev. Addison Blanchard, State Missionary; of the Hallowell Classical School, by Rev. Amos Redlon, financial agent. The Lord's Supper administered by Rev. Josiah T. Hawes, of Kennebec Conference, former pastor at Bridgton, and Rev. Jacob Bray, Baptist.

A Ladies Auxiliary Home Missionary Society was formed, Mrs. J. P. Hubbard, of Hiram, President. In all the churches in the Conference, auxiliary missionary societies have been formed,—paying 5 cents per month for each member.

The Bible Society has been re-organized, embracing all denominations—its anniversary occurring at the annual Sabbath-school Convention.

The attendance at this session of Conference, was large, and of tender interest.

THE FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING was held with church in Albany, June 8, 9, 1880. Samuel H. Warren, of North Waterford, *Moderator*. Conference sermon, Rev. Osgood W. Rogers, of Bridgton, Luke 19:10,—"Christ, the lost world's Saviour." Questions discussed.—1. How can the churches be aroused to a greater interest in missions? 2. What preparation is requisite on the part of Sunday-school teachers to make their teaching more effectual, and what should be their end and aim? 3. Can a Christian maintain a life of spirituality if the Bible, and closet prayer are neglected? 4. Loyalty to the church from its members. 5. The importance of church members heartily co-operating with their minister. 6, How can pastorless churches grow. The sermon before the Communion service, Rev. Nehemiah Lincoln, of North Bridgton, Isaiah 9:6,—"And his name shall be called WONDERFUL." Administration of the Supper, Revs. Lewis Goodrich, of Lovell, and Osgood W. Rogers, of Bridgton. The meetings were largely attended, and characterized by an excellent spirit.

REV. ALBERT LEMUEL PAYSON, of Salem, Mass., (Amherst, 1837,) ordained June 1, 1838, a. p. in Albany, from Nov. 26, 1879. C. W. Bird, who supplied in A. previously, is called to Morristown, Minn. E. P. Chittenden, who supplied in 1875, accepts a call to New Richmond, Mo.

Rev. Edward R. Osgood supplied at Casco, in the summer. Rev. Lewis Goodrich, of Lovell, preaches at Sweden, every other Sabbath, a part of the day.

Rev. Isaac H. Libbey, dismissed from the pastorate of Stow and Chatham churches, Feb. 4, 1880. Rev. Lewis Goodrich, of Lovell, *Moderator of the Council;* Rev. Henry H. Osgood, of Waterford, *Scribe.* Record Ch. Mir., March 6.

Rev. J. M. Pease, who supplied the church in Otisfield every alternate Sabbath, closed his labors Dec. 16.

Rev. Henry H. Osgood, closed his labors in Waterford and North Waterford, May 6. Rev. J. S. Richards, of Dexter, receives a call July, 1880.

The church in Fryeburg adopted the articles of faith reported by the General Conference in 1879, (Minutes, p. 20.) The pastor furnished two cards to his people, on one side of which are the prayer-meeting topics; the other, pledges for helpful work. One of the cards to be returned to him, marked with the pledge they will specially try to carry out; the other to be retained in the Bible as a book-mark.

Letter from R. Henry Davis, from Japan, Ch. Mir., Sept. 6.

A Sabbath-school Convention was held on the Camp-ground in Fryeburg, Aug. 28, 1879. Rev. J. K. Mason, D. D., delivered an address on the work of the Sabbath-school; Rev. H. H. Osgood, on the use of the Bible.

The mother of Rev. Lewis Goodrich, Lovell, died in Bingham, March 18, 1880, æt. 95. One of the oldest and faithful members of the church in B.—Dea. Andrew Buzzell, in Fryeburg, March 24, æt. 71. Ob., Ch. Mir., April 8.—Dea. John Evans, in Fryeburg, April 5. "A faithful Christian, and for 22 years, an office-bearer," æt. 71. Ob., J. K. M., Ch. Mir., April 17.—Isaac Spring, Esq., in Brownfield, April 20, 1880, æt. 87. Few men better known or respected. Ob., Ch. Mir., May 29.—Dea. Silas Morton, in Otisfield, July, 1879, æt. 61. Several years clerk of the church.

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CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Albany, Dea. J. H. Lovejoy; Bridgton, J. H. Caswell; Bridgton, North, Oliver Barnard; Bridgton, South, J. P. Kimball; Brownfield, Cyrus Wentworth; Casco, Joseph Moors; Denmark, Dea. Wm. F. Davis; Fryeburg, Mrs. George S. Barrows; Harrison, Howard L. Sampson; Hiram, Mrs. J. P. Hubbard; Lovell, Joseph F. Stearns; Naples, Dea. Enoch Gammon; Otisfield, M. W. Andrews, P. O. Norway; Stow and Chatham, Joshua Fifield, Stow; Sweden, L. Frost; Waterford, Dea. W. Kilbourne; Waterford, North, Samuel H. Warren.

Nehemiah Lincoln, of North Bridgton, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference.* Next meeting in Sweden, Oct. 26, 27, 1880.

WALDO CONFERENCE.

Organized in Searsport, June 14, 1848, Annual meeting in June. Semi-annual meeting, first Tuesday and Wednesday in October.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, was held with the Elm St. church, Camden, Oct. 21, 22, 1879. Rev. Benjamin B. Merrill, of Searsport, *Moderator.* The first forenoon session was occupied by business, prayer and Conference, and report of the churches, by the delegates. The afternoon commenced with a prayer-meeting, followed by the discussion of topics. 1. The faults of the pulpit as seen from the pews,—by Laymen. 2. Our need of the Holy Spirit's presence and work, and how secured and promoted. The evening service began with a praise-meeting, followed by a sermon from Rev. Wooster Parker, of Belfast. Topics discussed the second day.—1. Family worship,—its importance and best methods of conducting it. 2. The nature and importance of a genuine revival, and how secured and promoted. The "Question Box" furnished some practical topics for remarks. Conference sermon, Rev. John A. Ross, of Belfast. The Lord's Supper was administered.

"The Conference was well attended, and very interesting."

THE THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING, with the church in Sandy Point, June 8, 9, 1880. Rev. Benjamin B. Merrill, of Searsport, *Moderator.* Opening sermon, Rev. Wellington R. Cross, of Camden, Isaiah 53:11,—"He shall see of the travail of his soul and be satisfied." Conference sermon, Rev. Benjamin B. Merrill, of Searsport, Matt. 27:29. The crown of thorns, the reed, and the mocking homage. Topics discussed,—1. Christian observance of the Sabbath. 2. Christianity in the home, in business, in politics. 3. The Holy Spirit, his offices and work. 4. The Bible friendly to religion. 5. Christian education of the young. 6. Lessons of affliction. The following minute was adopted in reference to the death of Rev. Edward F. Cutter, D. D.:

Resolved, That we gratefully record this memorial of Bro. Cutter's love for the churches, his faithful service, the consecration of his rare gifts, and his uniform kindness towards all the brethren; and while we sympathize with his friends in their bereavement, we rejoice with them in the confidence that our brother has entered upon his glorious reward.

The annual report of the churches was made by Rev. W. R. Cross. The ordinance of the Lord's Supper administered by the Moderator, and Rev. John A. Ross, of Belfast.

Rev. Albert N. Jones, dismissed from the pastorate of the church in Jackson and Brooks, Sept. 2, 1879. Rev. John A. Ross, of Belfast, *Moderator of Council*; William O. Poor, of Belfast, *Scribe.* Record Ch. Mir., Sept. 20.—Installed pastor, Somesville, Mt. Desert, Oct. 7. Minutes, p. 66. Rev. David Godfrey, is now supplying at Jackson and Brooks.

Merrill Blanchard, (Bangor Sem., 1880,) who has supplied the church in Winterport, from April, 1879, also supplies from May, 1880, the church in Frankfort.

Rev. Gowen C. Wilson, pastor at Winterport, 1861-'66, gave the historical address at the 250th anniversary of the Cong'l church, Windsor, Conn., March 30, 1880, of which he is now pastor.

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Rev. Joseph St. John, at 2d church, Searsport, 1877-'8, is at Orion, Mich.

Died in Belfast, March 30, Dea. Edwin Beaman, æt.79. He united with the church in B. in 1836; was chosen deacon in 1838; a constant and devoted disciple. Ch. Mir., Apr. 10.—In Wayland, Mass., March 18, Pelatiah Shorey, æt.94, the father of Rev. H. A. Shorey, former pastor at Camden. Addresses at funeral, by Revs. T. A. Merrill, and S. H. Hayes. Ob. G. Rule, March 31.—Revs. S. Thurston, and B. B. Merrill, attended the funeral of Miss Clara B. Nichols, Feb. 17. She went to Europe to perfect herself in music, and died in Paris. She last sung in Belfast, with Miss Carey,—"Lift thine eyes," by Mendelssohn.

The Annual Meeting of Waldo county Bible Society, was held in Belfast, Sabbath eve, May 23, 1880.

The Editor of the Mirror, has a sketch of Camden, in the issue Sept. 20, 1879.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Belfast, First church, Rev. John A. Ross; Belfast North, Dea. J. H. Wright; Camden, A. D. Mansfield; Frankfort, Upton Treat; Freedom, R. Elder; Jackson and Brooks, E. E. Morton, Jackson; Rockport, N. T. Talbot; Sandy Point, J. B. French: Searsport, First church, Rev. B. B. Merrill; Searsport, Second church, J. L. Park; Unity, Ephraim Murch; Winterport, Mrs. Charles Abbot, p. t.

Rev. John A. Ross, of Belfast, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference.* Next meeting in Jackson, October, 1880.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

Organized in Eastport, Feb. 18, 1829.—Annual meeting in June.—Semi-annual meeting, second Tuesday and Wednesday in October.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING was held with the ch. in Princeton, Sept. 30, and Oct. 1, Rev. Charles Whittier, of Dennysville, *Moderator.* Conference sermon, Rev. Frederic E. Shaw, of East Machias. 2 Peter 3: 18. "Grow in grace." Topics discussed,—The study of the Bible,—as to christian character, and individual piety; how can the power of the church be increased,—as to preaching, and the lives of Christians; the Sabbath-school, its needs, and how to meet them; duty of the church to itself, to the community in which it is located, and to the world; the colporteur work in the county; mission work of the women among the freedmen; prayer-meetings,—the practice of some churches in using cards for topics was commended. The Lord's supper was administered by Revs. Edgar F. Davis, and George W. Kelley.

THE FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING was held with the church in Cherryfield, June 8—10. Rev. Charles Whittier, *Moderator.* Conference sermon, by Rev. Edgar F. Davis, of Milltown, N. B., John 3: 8. "The wind bloweth," etc.

Discussions.—1. The Holy Spirit,—our need. 2. The Sabbath-school.—3. How may the teachings of the pulpit be made attractive to children. 4. How shall Christians be influenced to join the church. 5. The revival spirit,—how shall it be promoted in our churches. The ordination of Edgar M. Cousins occupied most of the first day. Ordinance of the Lord's supper administered by Revs. Sewall Tenney, D.D., of Ellsworth, and George E. Chapin, of Jonesport.

A Missionary Committee, Revs. C. Whittier, C. G. McCully, and D. Greene, were appointed to look out for the pastorless churches.

GEORGE EDWARD CHAPIN, of East Orrington, (Bangor Sem., 1879,) ordained and installed pastor of the church in Jonesport, August 20, 1879. Rev. David S. Holbrook, of Ellington, Conn., *Moderator of the Council*; Dea. Warren Hill, of Machias, *Scribe.* Organ voluntary, and anthem by the choir; reading Scriptures and prayer, by the Moderator; hymn,—"Glorious things of thee are spoken." Sermon, Rev. Levi L. Paine, D. D., of Bangor Seminary,—Isa. 49: 14-16. God's care of his church; hymn, "We bid thee welcome;" ordaining prayer, Prof. L. L. Paine, who also gave the

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charge and right-hand to the pastor, and the address to the people; hymn,—"Go men of peace and love;" benediction by the pastor. A severe storm prevented the attendance of many. There is no ordained Congregational minister within a radius of 40 or 50 miles. Mr. C. from June will also supply Jonesboro. Rev. Charles Whittier, and others, supplied Jonesboro previously.

DANIEL GREENE, (of Bangor Seminary, 1879,) was ordained to the gospel ministry at Machias, Dec. 18, 1879. Rev. Charles Whittier, of Dennysville, *Moderator of the Council*; Rev. George E. Chapin, of Jonesport, *Scribe*. Council met at 2 P. M. Ordination services in the evening. Organ voluntary; invocation, by the Moderator; reading the Scriptures, Rev. James Biron, of the Methodist church; hymn by the choir, read by Rev. J. A. Lockhart, "Angels where we go, attend." Sermon and charge, by the Moderator. Text of discourse, Eph. 3: 8,—The grace of God able to cleanse and save; hymn by the choir,--"How beauteous are their feet." Ordaining prayer, and address to the people, Rev. Frederic E. Shaw, of East Machias; hymn by the choir, "Go preach my gospel;" right-hand, by the Scribe; prayer, Rev. C. A. Long, (Baptist;) benediction by Rev. Daniel Greene.—Machias Republican, Dec. 27, Ch. Mir., Dec. 27. Mr. G. the acting-pastor of this church, from Nov. 1, 1879. He prepared a list of topics for the weekly (Wednesday) prayer-meeting from January to December, 1880,—with a list of all the services,—and it was printed upon a card, and circulated.

EDGAR MILLARD COUSINS, (Bowdoin, 1877, Bangor, 1880,) ordained and installed pastor of the church in Cherryfield, June 9, 1880. Rev. Charles G. McCully, of Calais, *Moderator of Council*; Rev. Frederic E. Shaw, of East Machias, *Scribe*. Public services,—Anthem,—"Give light, O Lord;" invocation, and reading of the Scriptures, Rev. George W. Kelley, of Eastport; hymn, "Let me but hear my Saviour say;" sermon, Rev. William Forsyth, of Bucksport, Acts 20, 24, The heroic element in the life of Paul, and of the christian ministry; ordaining prayer, by the Moderator; charge to pastor, Rev. Sewall Tenney, D. D., of Ellsworth; right-hand, Rev. Daniel Greene, of Machias; charge to the people, Rev. Henry F. Harding, of Hallowell; hymn, Rev. George E. Chapin, of Jonesport, "Sovereign grace, o'er sin abounding;" benediction by pastor.

Mr. C. will supply Steuben, where a branch of the church in Cherryfield was formed.

REV. EDGAR FOSTER DAVIS dismissed from the pastorate of the church in Perry, June 3, 1879. (Record, Minutes, 1879, p. 86.) He accepts a call to Milltown, N. B., October, 1879.

Rev. James I. Jones supplied a few months in Whiting, May, 1879.—M. Loose, at Northfield, from Aug. 18. Mr. Curtiss, at Robbinston and Red Beach, from Aug., 1879.

John B. Carruthers, (Bangor Sem., 1880,) accepts a call to Perry, to supply also at Pembroke. The people said at once, when they knew that he was a grandson of Father James Carruthers, (whom they well remembered,) he was of good stock, and bid him welcome.

Rev. Charles G. McCully, of Calais, returned home Jan. 24, 1880, after an absence of seven months in Europe and Palestine. He had a reception in the vestry on the evening of Feb. 3. The address of welcome was by E. B. Harvey, Esq., and poem by Rev. Edgar F. Davis, who supplied the pulpit a portion of the time during the absence of the pastor.—Letter of Mr. McC. on the christians in Rome, in Ch. Mir., Jan. 24.

Rev. Samuel L. Vincent, dismissed from the pastorate in Pembroke, Oct. 8, 1879. Mr. V. accepts a call to Peru, Vt., Oct.

Rev. George W. Kelley delivered the address at Eastport, on Memorial day.

Mrs. Mary A., widow of Rev. John Whitney, who supplied at Robbinston, 1861'2, June to November, died suddenly in Newton Center, Mass., July 8, aet. 70.

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CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Alexander, Dea. Isaac P. Crafts; Calais, A. L. Clapp; Cherryfield, A. R. Willey; Cooper, Mrs. A. C. Sawyer; Dennysville, Deac. Peter E. Vose; Eastport, Dea. G. A. Peabody; Jonesport, Mrs. Adaline R. Keene, Machias, Dea. Warren Hill; Machias-East, Sarah B. Harris; Machiasport, J. F. Sanborne; Marshfield, Miss Melissa L. Hanscom; Northfield, George W. Smith; Pembroke, Cushing Wilder; Perry, Chas. S. Davis; Princeton, Dea. Leonard Peabody; Robbinston, Rufus Gates; Milltown, N. B., S. H. Hitchings; Topsfield, Mrs. L. Crabtree; Whiting, Mrs. Cornelia A. Chase; Whitneyville, Emma Bacheller, p. t.

Rev. Frederic E. Shaw, of East Machias, *Scribe of Conference.* Dea. George A. Peabody, of Eastport, *Treasurer.* Next session at Pembroke.

YORK CONFERENCE.

Organized in Buxton, Oct. 1, 1822. Annual meeting in June. Semi-annual meeting second Tuesday in October, each continue two days.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING was held with the church in West Newfield, Oct. 14, 15, 1879. Hon. Joseph Titcomb, *Moderator.* Opening sermon, Rev. Addison Blanchard, State Missionary, Luke 7:20. Theme, The church. Conference sermon, Rev. Charles H. Gates, of Kennebunkport, Heb. 3:4. The hiding of God's power. Topics discussed.—1. Spirituality,—what it is, and how to obtain it; and in a good degree it was illustrated in the meeting. 2. The Sabbath,—in its various phases. 3. The missionary concert. 4. The prayer-meeting. 5. Temperance, and other forms of church work. 6. The claims of the Maine Missionary Society. The Lord's Supper administered by Rev. Albert Cole, Cornish, and Rev. Addison Blanchard.

THE FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING was held with the church in South Berwick, June 8, 9, 1880. Rev. Edward Chase, of Biddeford, *Moderator.* Opening sermon, Rev. David L. Jones, of West Newfield, Phil. 2:16. Preaching Christ. Conference sermon, Rev. Henry T. Arnold, of Second ch., Wells, Gal. 1:15,16. Christ revealed in us, and impelling to service. Discussions.—Christ. 1. A prophet. 2. Priest. 3. King. Loyalty; 1. To Christ. 2. To Creed. 3. To the church. 4. To the unconverted. Reference was made to this last point in a communication in the Mirror of July 10, by Rev. J. Edwards emphasizing the remarks of Rev. C. H. Gates, at the meeting of Conference.

The Lord's Supper administered by Revs. Joseph Freeman, of Second ch., York, and David B. Sewall, of First ch., York, assisted by Deas. Job Powers, of South Sanford, and D. N. Simmons, of West Newfield.

HENRY JACKSON STONE, of Wayland, Mass., ordained to the work of the Gospel ministry at Sanford, Dec. 25, 1879. Rev. Israel P. Warren, D. D., of Portland, *Moderator of the Council;* Rev. Woodbury S. Kimball, of Wells, *Scribe.* Council met at 2 P. M. Ordination services in the evening. Anthem,—"Teach me O Lord;" Prayer and reading of the Scriptures, Rev. Benjamin P. Snow, of Alfred; hymn,—"Except the Lord conduct the plan;" sermon, by the Moderator, 1 Timo. 4:6,—"A good minister of Jesus Christ;" ordaining prayer, Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Bangor; charge, Rev. George F. Tewksbury, of Lyman; right-hand, by the Scribe; hymn,—"Lord at thy command, the word of life we sow;" prayer; doxology; benediction, Rev. Henry J. Stone. Mr. S. has supplied the church in Sanford, and the church in South Sanford, from Nov., 1877, who united in calling the Council for his ordination.

REV. HENRY TUCKER ARNOLD, (Brown Univ., 1866, Andover, 1871,) installed pastor of the Second ch., Wells, Feb. 8, 1880. Rev. Charles H. Gates, of Kennebunkport, *Moderator of the Council;* Rev. Woodbury S. Kimball, of Wells, *Scribe.* Anthem, by the choir,—"Jerusalem my happy home;" reading the Scriptures, (1 Cor. 2d ch.) and prayer, Rev. David L. Jones, of Limerick; hymn,—"Watchman, tell us of the night;" sermon, Rev. Charles A. Dickinson, of Portland, 1 Cor. 1:1, 2.

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The preacher,—and the truth preached; installing prayer, Rev. Benjamin P. Snow of Alfred; charge to pastor, Rev. David B. Sewall, of York; right-hand by the Scribe; charge to people, Rev. Edward Chase, of Biddeford; prayer, Rev. George A. Lockwood, of Kennebunk; hymn,—"How beauteous are their feet;" benediction, by pastor. Ch. Mir., Feb. 21.

REV. GEORGE R. MERRILL dismissed from the pastorate of Second church, Biddeford, July 29, 1879. Rev. Edward Chase, of Pavilion church, Biddeford, *Moderator of the Council;* Rev. Henry A. Freeman, of First ch., Biddeford, *Scribe.* Reported Ch. Mir., Aug. 9.

Mr. M. was installed pastor at Painsville, Ohio, Sept. 10, 1879. Before the installing prayer, the call and acceptance was re-read,—the church ratifying the election by rising,—and the pastor responding to the Moderator's question,—Do you ratify and renew your acceptance of the call of this people, to be your pastor and teacher. "I do—the Lord being my helper."

REV. GEORGE AUGUSTUS LOCKWOOD, (Yale, 1866, Union, 1870,) installed pastor of the Union church of Christ, Kennebunk, May 20, 1880. Rev. Israel P. Warren, D. D., of Portland, *Moderator of Council*; William E. Gould, of Portland, *Scribe.* Public services 2 P. M. Organ voluntary and anthem,—"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel;" invocation, Rev. George Lewis, of South Berwick; Scripture selections, Rev. Charles E. Stowe, of Saco; hymn 1000,—(Songs of the Sanctuary,) "Father of mercies, bow thine ear;" sermon, Rev. Anson P. Tinker, of Auburn, Ps. 82:6, "I have said, ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High." Theme.—The dignity of man; installing prayer, Rev. Austin L. Park, of Gardiner; charge assigned to Rev. James H. Ecob, of Augusta,—as he was obliged to leave by an early train, it was omitted; right-hand, Rev. Henry T. Arnold, of Wells; address to people, by the Moderator; prayer, Rev. Frederick E. Emrich, of Oxford; hymn 1022,—"Let Zion's watchmen, all awake;" benediction, by the pastor. Record, and statement of belief, Ch. Mir., May 29. Communication, Cong'list, May 12, June 16, in reference to first Council, Ch. Mir., Aug. 23, 29, Sept. 6, 13.

REV. GEORGE HAYWOOD WILSON, of Salem, Mass., (Bangor Sem'y, 1876,) installed pastor of the Second ch., Biddeford, June 22, 1880. Rev. Edward Chase, of the Pavilion ch., Biddeford, *Moderator*; Rev. Woodbury S. Kimball, of First ch., Wells, *Scribe.* Public services in the evening. Organ voluntary, and selection by the choir; invocation; reading Scriptures and prayer; hymn 1029, Sabbath Hymn and Tune Book,—"Happy the church, thou sacred place;" sermon, by Rev. Edward S. Atwood, of Salem, Mass., Eze. 2, 3. The prophet preacher of the nineteenth century; anthem,—"How beautiful upon the mountains," composed by Prof. E. A. Gowen, organist of the church; installing prayer, Rev. Henry T. Arnold, of Second ch., Wells; sentence by the choir,—"Heavenly Father;" right-hand, by the Moderator; charge to pastor, Rev. David L. Jones, of Limerick; charge to the people, Rev. Charles H. Gates, of Kennebunkport; address of welcome to the city, Hon. L. Andrews; anthem,—"Jehovah's praise;" prayer, Rev. George F. Tewksbury, of Lyman; benediction, by pastor.

Rev. Thomas N. Lord, supplying at Limington from March, 1880. Left Kittery. and removed to Limerick, Nov., 1879.

Rev. Joseph Kyte, acting-pastor at Buxton, from March, 1875, accepts a call to the North Church, Haverhill, Mass., and commenced labors Nov. 2. 1879.

Rev. Henry A. Freeman, acting-pastor of First church, Biddeford, from 1878. June 1, closed his labors May 23, 1880.

Rev. Benjamin Southworth, a. p. Second church. Wells, from 1870, Oct. 1, resigned July 1, 1879. Accepts a call to Stoddard, N. H., June, 1880.

THE MEETING-HOUSE IN SANFORD was dedicated on Christmas Day, Dec. 25, 1879. Services. Anthem,—"Sing and rejoice, O Zion;" invocation, Rev. I. P. Warren, D. D., of Portland; hymn,—"And will the great, eternal God, on earth establish his abode;" reading the Scriptures, Rev. George F. Tewksbury, of Lyman; original hymn for the occasion, by Abbie G. Clarke; sermon, Rev. J. E. Adams, of Bangor, Secretary, etc., 2 Chron. 24:13,—"So the workmen wrought, and the work

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was perfected by them, and they set the house of God in his state, and strengthened it;" dedicatory prayer, Rev. B. P. Snow, of Alfred. The building is neat and comely, finished in ash, and varnished; with a carpet, chandelier and organ. The whole cost exclusive of labor, and materials given, was about $3,500,—all wholly paid for. Ch. Mir., Jan. 3.

The meeting-house in Elliot was consumed by fire on the Sabbath, April 11, from a defective chimney. The organ and pulpit fixtures saved. Loss, $3,500; no insurance.

Limerick renovated its chapel in October. *Lebanon* its parsonage, which was opened for a reception March 30.

The *Second Church, Biddeford*, have established a temperance reading-room, neatly furnished with a carpet, chairs, lamps, etc.—The church in *Kennebunk* voted to discontinue its second preaching service, and hold a Bible School in the afternoon, at which the pastor is to be present. A sermon in the evening, on the last Sabbath in each month.—The church in *South Berwick* was aided in the spring by Gospel workers from the Young Men's Ch. Asso. of the State; and the Second church in *Biddeford*, in evangelistic work, by Dr. Uriah Clark, of Malden, Mass.

The annual meeting of York County Y. M. Ch. Asso., was held in South Berwick, Oct. 14, 15, 1879.

Rev. De Forest Benjamin Dodge, son of Rev. Benjamin Dodge, of Lebanon, died of consumption at his father's house in L., Aug. 20, 1879, æt. 30. He preached in Ayer, Mass. Supplied two Sabbaths, the Second church, Portland, in 1877; first pastorate, Olivet church, Bridgeport, Conn, 1870; later, pastor at Raymond, Mass. Notice, Cong'l Year-Book, 1880, p. 17, by H. A. Hazen.

Miss Rebecca J. Gilman, daughter of Dr. Joseph Gilman, of Wells, died in Boston, Feb. 18, 1880, æt. 56. Principal of Bradford Academy, Ms., 1854—'9; principal, Lawrence Academy, Groton, Mass., ladies' department, 1860—'3; Pr., boarding-school, Boston, 1867—'78. Funeral in Dr. Webb's church, Boston. Burial at Wells. Ob., Cong'l, Feb. 25.—Theodore Clark, in Wells, March 31, æt. 87. Ch. M., April 24.—Mrs. Maria M. Sewall, widow of the late William B. Sewall, Esq., in Kennebunk, April 20, æt. 78; for many years a worthy and prominent member of the church in K.—Mrs. Lydia R. Sayward, in Alfred, April 28, æt. 81. For 50 years a member of the church in A. Ch. Mr., May 8.—Hon. Samuel E. Adams, in West Newfield, May 25, æt. 72. Many years an honored and faithful member of the Cong'l church,—holding various offices in town, county and state.

An Auxiliary Christian Temperance Union, was organized in Biddeford July 18—Faith Conference and Camp-meeting, conducted by Miss Smiley, at Old Orchard, from July 25.—National Temperance Camp-meeting, at Old Orchard, from Aug. 13. Addresses by Ex-Gov. Dingley, Neal Dow, Gov. Davis, Ex-Mayor Kingsbury, Miss Willard, of Chicago, and others.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Acton; Rev. Wm. S. Thompson; Alfred, Thomas Rogers; Biddeford, First ch., John R. Staples; Biddeford, Second ch., Dr. Thomas Haley; Biddeford, Pavillion ch., John H. Burnham; Buxton, Geo. G. Davis; Buxton Center, Osman K. Cobb; Cornish, Rev. A. Cole; Elliot, Alexander Shapleigh; Kennebunk, Union, Joseph T. Nason; Kennebunkport, Woodbury Smith; Kennebunkport, South, J. L. Cole; Kittery Point, Dea. Charles Duncan; Lebanon, Deacon John E. Moody, Lebanon Center; Limerick, W. Adams; Limington, Leonard J. Strout; Lyman, Dymon Roberts; Newfield West, E. H. Symes; Parsonsfield, H. G. O. Smith, North Parsonsfield; Saco, J. W. Littlefield; Sanford, Prescott Emery; Sanford South, Jeremiah L. Moulton; Shapleigh, James Coffin; South Berwick, Rev. George Lewis; Wells, First ch., John W. Hubbard; Wells, Second ch., John Goodwin; York, First ch., Rev. David B. Sewall; York, Second ch., Rev. Joseph Freeman.

Rev. Charles H. Gates, of Kennebunkport, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference.* Rev. William S. Thompson, Acton, *Reporter.* Next meeting in Limerick, Oct. 12, 13.

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NAME.	RESIDENCE.	ORDAINED.
John C. Adams	Falmouth	1851, August 19
Jonathan E. Adams	Bangor	1859, October 19
Thomas Adams, D. D.	Winslow	1818, August 26
John W. H. Baker	New Sharon	1865, June 29
Silas Baker	Standish	1832, March 7
Joseph Bartlett	Gorham	1847, October 7
Thomas E. Brastow	Rockport	1865, October 11
Jonas Burnham	Farmington	1858, July 28
Almon W. Burr	Hallowell	1875, July 27
John J. Carruthers, D. D.	Portland	1819, June 8
Calvin Chapman	Kennebunkport	1842, December 8
Ephraim C. Cummings	Portland	1858, March 17
David Q. Cushman	Bath	1838, February 7
Henry V. Emmons	Hallowell	1859, November 13
Samuel L. Gould	Bethel	1839, October 23
Cyrus Hamlin, D. D.	Bangor	1838, October 3
Henry F. Harding	Hallowell	1855, October 17
Henry B. Hart	Holden	1869, December 21
L. Ives Hoadley	Warren	1823, October 15
Alfred E. Ives	Castine	1838, September 25
William V. Jordan	Saco	1836, September 13
Marcus R. Keep	Ashland	1847, January 4
Elbridge Knight	Fort Fairfield	1843, September 13
John K. Lincoln	Bangor	1862, September 20
Thomas N. Lord	Limerick	1837, August 10
Amasa Loring	Portland	1842, January 15
Henry S. Loring	Phipsburg	1850, June 20
Joseph Loring	East Otisfield	1833, September 10
George S. Osborn	South Sanford	1836, December 18
Edward R. Osgood	Bluehill	1871, October 24
Prof. Alpheus S. Packard, D.D.	Brunswick	1850, May 16
Prof. Levi L. Paine, D. D.	Bangor	1861, October 9
Wooster Parker	Belfast	1832, September 29
John Parsons	Kennebunk	1857, May 14
William Pierce	West Buxton	1836, August 7
Prof. Enoch Pond, D. D.	Bangor	1815, March 1
Daniel F. Potter	Brunswick	1852, October 25
Amos Redlon	Hallowell	1842, July 7
Henry Richardson	Gilead	1831, November 23
Prof. John S. Sewall, D. D.	Bangor	1859, April 20
Alfred L. Skinner	Bucksport	1854, January 27
Henry G. Storer	Oak Hill	1850, March 30
Prof. Daniel S. Talcott, D. D.	Bangor	1836, December 7
Daniel D. Tappan	Weld	1826, November 14
Sewall Tenney, D. D.	Ellsworth	1831, August 10
James B. Thornton	Scarboro	1851, June 4
Stephen Thurston, D. D.	Searsport	1826, August 9
Stephen Titcomb	Farmington	1855, June 6
Henry M. Vaill	Cape Elizabeth	1861, August 14
Israel P. Warren, D. D.	Portland	1842, April 20

LICENTIATES.

Prof. Henry L. Chapman	Brunswick.
James H. Crosby	Bangor.
Francis B. Denio	Bangor.
John Hemenway	Brighton.
Prof. Thomas H. Rich	Lewiston.
Henry C. Robinson	Newcastle,
Jotham Sewall	York.
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NECROLOGY.

FORMER MINISTERS.

HORATIO MERRILL, in Hopkinton, Iowa, September 7, 1878, æt. 61.—(Paralysis.)

Mr. M., the son of Nathaniel and Phebe (Merrill) Merrill, was born in Brownfield, Me., April 26, 1817. Educated at Phillips Academy, Exeter, N. H.; graduated, Dartmouth College, 1840; Andover Seminary, 1843. Ordained, West Newbury, Mass., 1845, May 7; dis., 1847, Aug. 11. Principal of Washington State School, Maryland, 1847-'8. Professor of Languages, Yarmouth Institute, Me.; a. p. Bloomfield, Me., 1849-'50; New Gloucester, 1850-'4,—supplying also in 1853, a few months in Harrison; without charge at Portland, 1854-'57; installed pastor; Salisbury, N. H., 1858, March 17; dis., 1864, March 5; without charge at Andover and Cambridge, Mass., Portland, Me., and Cleaveland, O. As delegate from New Hampshire to the General Conference of Maine, in 1861, he sent an interesting communication. Vital Statistics, by Rev. H. A. Hazen, Cong. Year-Book, 1880, p. 23.

LEANDER SAMUEL COAN, in Alton, N. H., Sept. 24, 1879, æt. 42. (Chronic inflammation of the bowels.)

The son of Deacon Samuel and Hannah Morse (Skinner) Coan, born in Exeter, Me., Nov. 17, 1837. Educated at Exeter and Garland High Schools, and supplemented by private instruction. He studied law two years, but having been converted as he believed, he entered upon studies for the ministry, and graduated from Bangor Seminary in 1862. In the winter and spring of 1862, he fulfilled a mission in East Northport, and Lincolnville. From May, 1862, he supplied the church of Amherst and Aurora, and in 1863, June 18, was ordained its pastor; dismissed, 1864, May 7, to enter the army as a private in the 61st Massachusetts Regiment. In August, 1865, he became acting-pastor of the two churches in Boothbay, remaining till September, 1867; at Brownville, Nov. 9, 1867, to Nov. 9, 1870; Bradford, December, 1870, to June, 1871; Somerset, Mass., 1871; City Missionary, Fall River, Mass., 1872-'4; a. p., Alton, N. H., December, 1875, to June, 1879; Chaplain of the N. H. Constitutional Convention, 1877.

Of late years he had gained considerable celebrity by his patriotic and stirring dialect poems under the title of "The Old Corporal's Ballads".—They were about to be published. Notices in Cong'l, Oct. 1, Ch. Mirror, Oct. 1. Vital Statistics, H. A. Hazen, Cong'l Year-Book, 1880, p. 16. Funeral services were held 27th inst., in the church. Revs. W. E. Darling, of Farmington, E. P. Moulton, of Alton, and J. Blake, D. D., of Gilmanton, taking part.

EDWARD HARRIS, in Newburyport, Mass., Sept. 29, 1879, æt. 82.

Mr. H. was born in Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 1, 1797. He received his theological education at Princeton, N. J., and was licensed to preach by the Presbytery of Philadelphia. He removed in early life to Portland, Maine,

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his mother being a sister of the late Joseph Titcomb, for many years a deacon in Dr. Payson's ch. He preached in Maine for several years, frequently in the pulpit of the Third ch., Portland. He was ordained pastor of the church in Alna, in 1830, Sept. 29; dismissed in 1832, May 22. He contributed frequent articles to the Christian Mirror, and in 1827 prepared two volumes, —"Extracts,—literary, moral and religious, for the instruction and amusement of youth;"—also a work on Baptism, in the form of a dialogue, which were published.

He left Maine, and labored in Pennsylvania, North Carolina, and in some of the Southern States, and was settled over parishes in Connecticut and New York. He was an agent of the Am. Tract Society, and Am. Bible Society, and employed by the Committee on the revision of the Bible, as a proof-reader. In 1875, he engaged in evangelical work at Riverhead, L. I. In 1877, his health failed him, and he went to the home of his sister, Mrs. Henry Kimball, Newburyport, where he died.

The talents of Mr. H. were more than ordinary. His fidelity to his Christian profession was strongly marked. He was an uncompromising foe to all innovations, and to cant in every shape. He wished a pure, unadulterated gospel to be preached.

The original name of Mr. H. was Moses Titcomb Harris, by which he was known in Maine. It was changed to Edward Harris after he left the State. Notice by D. C. C,, in Ch. Mir., Dec. 6.

Jonas Fisk, in Danvers, Mass., October 4, 1879, æt. 74. (Pneumonia.)

Mr. F., the son of Nathaniel and Mehitable (Balch) Fisk, was born in Topsfield, Mass., Sept. 24,1805. Ed.at the Bangor Classical School, from December, 1833, and grad. from Bangor Theo. Sem'y, 1838. Acting-pastor at Salem, N. H., from Nov. 18, 1838; ordained Pastor Sept. 9, 1840. Dis. March 12, 1843; a. p., Sidney, Vassalboro and North Augusta, October, 1843, to Oct. 1, '44; Lisbon, December, 1844, to May, 1849; Durham, May 20, 1849, to Sept. 12, 1852; Harpswell, April, '55, to September, '55; Acton, October, '55, to January, '58; West Newfield, Feb'y, 1855, to Jan'y, 1862; Parsonsfield, 1859; Sanford South, March, 1862, to March, 1864. Without charge at Danvers, Mass., from May, 1865, until his death. He employed himself here in cultivating a garden, and preaching occasionally as health permitted. While in Salem, N. H., and Durham, Maine, he aided in procuring funds to build a meeting-house in each place. The former was dedicated Nov. 11, 1840; the latter, Oct. 25, 1854, Rev. Geo. E. Adams, of Brunswick, preaching the sermon. Vital Statistics, by H. A. Hazen, in Cong'l Year-Book, 1880, p. 19.

Jacob Abbot, D. D., at "Ten Acres", in Farmington, October 31, 1879. æt. 76. (Uræmia.)

Dr. A. the son of Jacob and Betsey (Abbot) Abbot, was born in Hallowell, Nov. 14, 1803. Educated at Hallowell Academy; grad. Bowdoin College, 1820;—taught at Portland, Maine, Beverly and Andover, Mass. Tutor, Amherst College, 1824,'5; Prof. Mathematics and Natural Philosophy, 1825—'9; principal of Mt. Vernon School, Boston, 1829—'33; ordained evangelist, at Roxbury, Mass., 1834, Sept. 18; acting-pastor of Elliot church, Roxbury, 1834; teacher and author, risiding in Roxbury, to 1839, afterwards in Farmington, Maine, and in New York City, and again in Farmington, from 1870, until his death. In 1843, he was associated with a brother in founding the "Abbot Institution for Girls", in New York City. He prepared more than 200 volumes, and contributed to magazines and newspapers. Notice in Lewiston Jour'l, Nov. 1, 1879. Cong'l, Nov. 5; Ch. Mirror, Nov. 28, etc.—Vital Statistics, by H. A. Hazen, Cong'l Year-Book, 1880, pp. 9—11.

William Augustus Smith, in Rochester, N. Y., Nov. 20, 1879, æt. 45. (Consumption.)

Mr. S., the son of Alpheus Jewett, and Jane E. (Davey) Smith, was born in Rutland, Vt., Sept. 1, 1834.

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The parents removed to Ohio, where he was educated. He graduated from Marietta College, Ohio, in 1853, Union Theo. Sem'y, 1859. Acting-pastor at Coleraine, Mass., 1859-'60. Ordained pastor at Rockland, Maine, in 1861, May 14; dis., 1863, May 25. Tutor in Denison University, Granville, Ohio, 1863; acting-pastor at Coventry, N. Y., 1863-'4; Rushville, 1865; Hamilton, 1865—'70, and '72; Ann Harbor, Mich., '68; Morris, Ills., '69—installed pastor, 1871, Nov. 22, resigned, 1873. Acting-pastor, Seneca Falls, N. Y., 1874-'5; Morrisville, 1875—'77; Groton, '77. Without charge at Rochester until his death.

Pulmonary difficulties led him to seek relief by a voyage to Europe, and subsequently by a residence South; but it was only temporary.

A notice in the Home Missionary, April, 1880, p. 293, refers to him as a man of no common order of intellect; eminently a pastor, as well as preacher; wherever located, cherished and loved; his life a short, but an eventful one; his spirit too active, and mind too energetic, for the frail tenement they occupied.

Funeral services conducted by Revs. Dr. Campbell, of Rochester, and Dr. Holbrook, of Syracuse. Burial in Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, N. Y. Vital Statistics, by H. A. Hazen, Cong'l Year-Book, 1880, p. 28.

Rev. Francis Peter Smith, in Osipee, N. H., November 21, 1879, æt. 84. (Disease of the kidneys, and catarrh.)

Mr. S., the son of Rev. Isaac, and Sarah (Eaton) Smith, was born in Gilmanton, N. H., August 22, 1795. Educated at Gilmanton Academy. Graduated Dartmouth College, 1816. Studied law at Rochester, and Dover, N. H., and Boston, Mass., 1816-'19. Practised law in Medway and Kingston, Mass., 1819-'22, Osipee, N. H., 1822-'32. Studied for the ministry with Rev. Joshua Dodge, at Moultonborough, N. H., 1831-'2. Was stated supply in the First church, Gilmanton, N. H., 1832-'5, of which his father had been pastor; Epsom, N. H., 1835-'7; and a short time at Hooksett, and Bradford, N. H.; acting-pastor at Guildhall, Vt., from 1837. Ordained pastor 1838, Sept. 12; dismissed 1844, May 1. He came to Maine and was at Richmond, June, 1844-'5, and received a commission from the Maine Missionary Society to labor in Dixfield, Mercer, Monticello, Hodgdon, New Limerick, and Houlton, 1845. Was at Sebasticook, Clinton and Benton, Sidney and Albion, between 1844 and 1846; Waldo County, 1848. While residing in Benton, he was a portion of the time agent for Insurance, 1846-'52; and for the Am. Sunday-school Union, 1853-'8. He went to Acton, April 12, 1859, and was acting-pastor of that church until April 12, 1866. From thence he went to Osipee, N. H., supplying the church in that place, and preaching also in North Wolfboro, two miles distant.

For ten years he had wholly retired from the ministry, and for four years before his death, had been very feeble, yet desirous for active service, working about the house more or less, to the time of his death. He was confined to his bed two weeks, passing away like one in deep sleep.

Bennett Roberts, in Toledo, Iowa, February 8, 1880, æt. 80.

Mr. R. was born in Newton, Conn., April 24, 1800. Educated at Granville Academy, N. Y., and at the Cornwall Mission School, established in Cornwall, Conn., in 1816; studied Theology with Rev. Hermon Daggett, former principal of the Cornwall School. He designed to become a foreign missionary, and attended medical lectures, with reference to that work, but was prevented by an injury received in being thrown from a horse. He received the degree of M. D., and was licensed to preach by the Hartford Association, Conn., in the spring of 1826. Ordained Colleague pastor with Rev. Jacob Herrick, in Durham, Me., Sept. 26, 1827; dis. 1829. Installed pastor at Perry, Jan., 1830; dis. April 19, 1830. He went West, preaching in Sandusky, Washington, Newton Falls, and Chester, Ohio, 1834-'44. In 1845, he supplied the Presb. church, in Kossuth, Iowa, and performed pioneer

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missionary work in that State. In 1848-'51, in the Cong'l ch., Marion, First Presb. church, Cedar Rapids, the latter of which he organized. In 1852-'4, Yellow Springs, Marion, Brighton, and Clay; 1855-'61, Quasteton; 1862, Buckingham, installed pastor Nov. 7, 1867, remaining four years. In all these places aided in building meeting-houses. West Chester, from 1875.

Mr. R. put his life into his work, and his zeal and earnestness often carhim beyond his means and strength. At Marion he quarried himself, the lime for the church-edifice, and twice handled every brick in the building. At Buckingham, he drew a large portion of the stone and lumber for the church-edifice, contributed $200, and superintended the work. Through his influence, Gov. Buckingham, of Connecticut, furnished a considerable amount of the funds for the building. He was one of those Home Missionaries of whom it was said, "they come astonishingly near to living upon faith." He applied to himself the promise,—"I am their inheritance, ye shall give them no possession in Israel; I am their possession." In his last sickness he said, "I shall not die; I shall only pass over; I shall be done with this perishing body." When unable to articulate, he motioned for pencil and paper, and wrote,—"Christ."

Mr. R. was an independent thinker, of an active and enquiring mind, fond of theological speculation; as a preacher, ingenious, fresh, argumentative; sometimes quaint, and fed his people with knowledge and understanding.

The funeral services were held at Traer, Iowa. Sermon by Rev. Charles H. Bissell, 1 Cor. 15:19. W. S., Advance, Feb. 26, D., Ch. Mir., March 6.

CHARLES CARROLL PARKER, D. D., in Parsippany, N. J., February 15, 1880, æt. 66. (Acute pneumonia.)

Dr. P., the son of Edward and Hepzibah (Curtiss) Parker, was born in Underhill, Vt., Sept. 26, 1814. Graduate of University of Vermont, Burlington, 1841; Principal of the High School, Burlington, afterwards; studied at Union Theological Seminary, N. Y., 1843-'4. Ordained pastor Tinmouth, Vt., 1848, Oct. 4; dis. 1853, May 18; a. p., Waterbury, Vt., 1853; installed pastor 1854, June 7; dis. 1867, March 10. Principal of Gorham Academy, Me., 1866-'7; supplying the church in Buxton, from June 1, 1867, one year; installed pastor at Gorham, 1868, Aug. 19; dis. 1871, Sept. 23. Dr. P. left Gorham in 1871, and was installed pastor of the church in Parsippany, N. J., March 27, 1872, and continued in that relation until his death. He enjoyed the highest esteem, and most cordial affection of his people, as well as of his ministerial brethren in the vicinity, in view of his character and work. On the 2d of February, he attended the monthly ministers' meeting at Morristown, N. J., and administered the communion on the 8th. The disease rapidly developed, and there was little hope of recovery. He was very calm and peaceful, saying: "I know in whom I have believed," repeatedly expressing his entire trust in God, and submission to his will. A large concourse assembled at the church where the funeral services were held. Notice in Vt. Chronicle, Feb. 25, Cong'st, Feb. 25, Ch. Mir., Feb. 28 and March 13.

EPHRAIM CHAMBERS, in Marblehead, Mass., March 8, 1880, æt. 71.

Mr. C., the son of Ephraim and Hannah (Chinn) Chambers, was born in Marblehead, Mass., Nov. 1808. He left the business of sail-making, to prepare himself for the ministry,—studying at Pittsfield and Andover, Mass., and graduating from Bangor Seminary in 1839. He supplied at Cooper and Lubec, in 1840, and after two or three years' labor in New England, he went to Ohio, where he was useful and diligent in Home Missionary work. He then went to Richland, Indiana, where he remained some time, preaching in different places, where there was no minister. His exposures in traveling, led to rheumatism, rendering him so lame, and such a sufferer, that he

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was obliged to relinquish the ministry. He was advised to return to his native home, hoping for relief; but he failed to receive it, and for more than thirty years he has been unable to do anything, except read and write. He was ever cheerful,—expressing a hearty and confident faith in the Saviour, exhibiting a beautiful Christian spirit. He was regarded as a faithful and loving disciple; a living witness of the happy influence of religion; a humble, single-minded, sincere Christian.—Notice by C. D., in Ch. Mir., Apr. 10.

EDWARD FRANCIS CUTTER, D. D., in Charleston, S. C., March 27, 1880, æt. 70. (Malarial fever.)

Dr. C., the son of Levi and Lucretia (Mitchell) Cutter, was born in Portland, Me., Jan. 20, 1810. He was educated in Portland Academy; graduated Bowdoin College, 1828; Andover Sem'y, 1831. Ordained pastor Second ch., Warren, 1833, May 8; dis., 1846, May 8. Installed pastor Belfast, 1st church, 1846, Sept. 24; res., 1855, Sept. 24; dis., 1856, Oct. 8. Editor Christian Mirror, Portland, Jan'y, 1856, to April, 1857; acting-pastor, Congregational church, Beardston, Ill., 1857, Nov'r, to 1859, October. He resided at Portland, 1860-'63; supplying at Norway Village, and South Buxton, in 1860; a. p. at Rockland, 1863, October 23 to 1872, May; resident at Belfast, 1872—'79, preaching occasionally as health and opportunity permitted. He was at Andover, Maine, a part of 1872-'3.

Dr. C. was closely identified with the educational, moral and religious interests of Maine—with its Cong'l ministry, ch's, conferences and societies. In his sermons, and especially in his extemporanous efforts, his style was pure, and scholarly; in his theological belief adhering to the faith of the fathers.

At Lincoln Conference in 1838, he presented an able and model report on the claims of seamen, in whose cause he took a deep interest,—which was published in the Mirror and Sailors' Magazine. In 1846, Dec. 27, he preached a semi-centennial discourse on the history of the First church, Belfast, a copy of which is preserved among the archives. During that year the Massachusetts Sabbath-school Society published "Pastoral Conversations," which he had prepared as an aid to Sunday-school teachers, in illustrating truth. In 1847, he preached the sermon before the General Conference of Maine, at its session in High St. church, Portland. Text,—Acts 9: 6. In 1854, the sermon before the Maine Missionary Society, at Bangor, in Central ch., Mark 16: 15, and Matt. 28: 19, 20. Christ's legacy of life to the church.—This was published. A discourse on the rebellion,— its cause and remedy, was delivered and published in 1861. In 1866, Nov. 7, he preached the sermon at the ordination of Rev. Andrew J. Smith, at Rockport. At the semi-centennial anniversary of the organization of the General Conference, a letter from Dr. Cutter, who was then in San Jose, California, was received, and it was published in the Minutes of that year, 1876, p. 134—141. It contained admirable reminiscences of the churches and ministers of Maine.

Dr. C. was a Trustee of the Maine Missionary Society, 1842—'57; Recording Secretary of the General Conference, 1844—'48, and in 1851; Secretary of the Maine Congregational Charitable Society from 1868, to his death; Overseer of Bowdoin College from 1873,—receiving his degree of S. T. D., from this College in 1871.

In January, 1880, Dr. C. went to Florida for his health, and on his way home in March, he was obliged to stop in Charleston, S. C., where he was confined to the house nine days,—with but little physical suffering,—only increasing weakness,—quietly and easily like going to sleep, he breathed his last. Notice, Ch. Mir., Apr. 3; W. P., Apr. 10; S. C. F., Apr. 24; Minutes, p. 21.

ASA TEWKSBURY LORING, in Omaha, Neb., April 13, 1880, æt. 67.

Mr. L., the son of Asa and Hannah (Haskell) Loring, was born in Hebron, Me., May 13, 1813. Educated at Bangor Classical Institute, 1835—'38; grad.,

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Bangor Theo. Sem'y, 1846; supplied a short time at Orrington, 1841, and Dixmont, 1842. Ordained pastor at Phipsburg, 1842, Feb. 10; dis., 1849, Mch. 27; a. p., at Skowhegan, 1848—'53; South Solon, February, 1850—'54,—supplying at each place alternately, a portion of the time; a. p., Norway Village, from 1852, Sept. 1,—organizing a church, and installed its pastor, 1855, June 3, left in 1859; dis., 1860, June 11; a. p., First ch., Yarmouth, from 1859, Apr. 17, to 1860. In July, 1860, he went to Iowa,—supplying the Cong'l ch. in Manchester, six years,—also at Earlville. In July, 1866, he went to Osage, remaining to the close of 1867. He afterwards resided in Eldora, and Dubuque, then again at Eldora. Last season he was at Yankton, Dakota, where he had children settled, and there he preached some. In later years he was an Insurance Agent, and he died away from his home suddenly—being found dead in his bed. Ch. Mir., May 8.

BENJAMIN GALEN SNOW, in Brewer, Me., May 1, 1880, æt 63. (Paralysis.)

Mr. S., the son of Benjamin and Nancy (Barrell) Snow, was born in Brewer, Oct. 4, 1817. Educated in the schools of the town, and at North Yarmouth Academy; grad. Bowdoin College, 1846; Bangor Seminary, 1849. He entered with earnestness into missionary work in the out-districts of Bangor, and in the neighboring towns during his course in the Seminary. He fulfilled a brief commission from the Maine Mis'y Soc. in Hermon and Carmel; also for three months or more from May 20, 1851, in Carmel, Newport, Hermon and Glenburn. He also supplied the church in Pembroke, 1849—'50; Cooper, 1849, and Lubec, 1851. Ordained in Brewer, 1851, Sept. 25, as a missionary of the Am. Bd., C. F. M., to the Micronesian Islands, and sailed with Mrs. Snow from Boston, Nov. 18, 1851, via., Cape Horn to Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, and from thence on the 18th of July, 1852, to the then almost unknown Micronesian Islands. The first ten years, he was at Kusia, on Strong's Island, lat. 5. 19 No., London, 163.06 east. He then established a new Station at Ebon, Marshall's Island, 350 miles east of Kusia, where the remainder of his missionary life was spent; with a yearly visit to his former much loved home at Kusia.

He was an earnest and indefatigable laborer,—a heroic, consecrated apostle to these Islands. No written form of language had been made. Mr. S. prepared an alphabet and primary books, adding others from time to time, until quite a literature was established. In June, 1860, he had written and issued from his hand-press, no less than 70,000 pages of elementary works for the education of the people. He was fond of music and a singer, and introduced music into the schools and churches. His acquaintance with the art of ship and house carpentering, and farming, which he learned in his youth, served him in good stead, in his missionary work. His constant and arduous labors affected his health, and he made a visit home from 1868 to 1871; in July, 1877, he again arrived in this country for rest and recruiting. His earnest wish that he might return and finish his work and life in Micronesia, was not realized.

The funeral services were held in the First ch., Brewer, where he made a profession of religion, in 1834, June 8. The pastor, Rev. C. A. Beckwith, Revs. Drs. C. Hamlin and J. S. Sewall, and Rev. L. F. Townsend taking part in them. A service in memoriam was held Sabbath evening, May 9, in that ch., and references to him and his work were made in discourses in the pulpits of Bangor, and vicinity.—Notices, Bangor Whig, May 3d and 5th, Cong'list, 5th, Ch. Mir., 8th, Advance, 10th, Miss'y Herald, June, p. 205. In Mem., Ch. M., June 19. Minutes, p. 21.

The average age of eleven of the above is 72 years; of two, 44 years; of the thirteen, 67 years.

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RUFUS ANDERSON, D. D., in Boston, Sabbath morning, May 30, 1880, æt. 84.

Dr. A., the son of Rev. Rufus, and Hannah (Parsons) Anderson, of Scotch-Irish descent,—born in Cumberland, Me., Aug. 17, 1796. Educated at North Yarmouth Academy. Graduated Bowdoin College, 1818, Andover, 1822.—His first letter in the Missionary Herald was in 1829; from 1824 he was associated with Jeremiah Evarts, as Assistant Secretary of the Am. Bd. C. F. M.; in 1831 with Elias Cornelius, and from 1832, Secretary, 34 years; retiring in 1866.—Notice, Boston Journal, May 31, Cong'list, June 2, Ch. Mirror, June 5, Missionary Herald, July, with portrait, pp. 247—251.

ADDITIONAL NOTICES.

JOHN RICE MUNSELL, Minutes, 1879, p. 97.—A pamphlet to his memory was published in Barnstable, Mass., 32 pp., 8vo, 1879. "The magnificence of the believer's wealth." A discourse at his funeral Dec. 27, 1878, at Harwich, Mass., by Rev. Calvin B. Hurlburt, D. D., President of Middlebury College, also, an extract from a commemorative sermon preached in Franklin, Vt., Jan. 19, 1879, by Rev. Chas. P. Watson, pastor.—Notice of Mr. M., in Minutes of Vermont, 1879, p. 41.

JOHN ELLIOT,—Minutes, 1879, p. 95.—Vital Statistics by Rev. H. A. Hazen, Cong'l Year-Book, 1880, p. 18. Mr. E. was installed by the Presbytery of Niagara, in 1836.

WILLIAM WARREN, D. D.—Minutes, 1879, page 96.—Vital Statistics, by H. A. H., in Cong'l Year-Book, 1880, p. 31.—Dr. W. preached in Wells, 6 months in 1839.—He was a corporate member of the Am. Bd. C. F. M., from 1871.

THOMAS JAMESON,—Minutes, 1879. p. 98. Vital Statistics, by H. A. H., in Cong'l Year-Book, 1880, p. 22.

JOHN WHITNEY,—Minutes, 1879, p. 98. Vital Statistics, by H. A. H., in Cong'l Year-Book, 1880, p. 32.

CALEB KIMBALL,—Minutes, 1879, p. 99. Vital Statistics, by H. A. H., in Cong'l Year-Book, 1880, p. 22.

EDWIN SEABURY,—Minutes, 1879, p. 99. Vital Statistics, by H. A. H., in Cong'l Year-Book, 1880, p. 27.

LEONARD WOODS, D. D.,—Minutes, 1879, p. 99.—An appreciative memorial by Rev. Professor Park, of Andover, has been published.

ELEAZAR MATHER PORTER WELLS, D. D., Minutes, 1879, p. 100. Licensed as a Congregational minister, March, 1823, and supplied at Plymouth, Mass. Notice of Dr. W. in New Eng. His. and Gen. Register, 1879, p. 132.

DANIEL REED CADY, D. D.,—Minutes, 1879, p. 100. Vital Statistics, by H. A. H., Cong'l Year-Book, 1880, p. 14.

SETH NOBLE, first pastor of First church, Bangor, 1786,—by Rev. Lucius M. Boltwood, of Hartford, Conn., in New England Hist. and Geneological Register, 1877, p. 223.

ELIJAH KELLOGG, first pastor of Second church, Portland, ordained, 1788, Oct. 1. Hist. Sketch, in "Ambassador," June number, 1880, p. 84.

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REPORTS.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

OF THE

Maine Branch of the American College and Education Society.

SIXTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING.

It is not necessary that your Secretary should make a voluminous report. He need only call your attention to the debt that Maine is under to this Society which we represent, and whose anniversary is held to-night. Within our bodies is a College and Theological Seminary, in both of which institutions have been many young men who have been aided by this Society.

If the matter were canvassed it would be found, I doubt not, that a large proportion of the active ministers of Maine were aided by this Society in obtaining their education. Nothing more need be said to commend this Society to your thoughtful consideration, your prayers, and your liberality.

In many quarters the Education Society has of late been assailed, it has even been wounded many times in the house of its friends. As these assaults may have the tendency to diminish your interest in its work it may be proper to say a word concerning this matter.

It is said that the Society has a tendency to pauperize the ministry, to allure into it weak and unworthy young men, who, by its help, can obtain an education for nothing, and that the young men would be stronger had they no such props to lean upon, while the ministry at large would be purer and abler.

We think that this is mistaken reasoning. The sting of these criticisms is extracted just as soon as we are assured and convinced that the funds of this Society are *wisely* and *judiciously* expended.

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Injudicious, indiscriminate charity is always dangerous. Judicious charity is always helpful.

And who are more worthy, who are more needy, than those who have given themselves to the work of the ministry. Is there anything so attractive in the average Maine pastorate, that it becomes dangerous to smooth the way to it in any degree to worthy candidates?

Is the couch of the Maine Missionary such a bed of roses that he needs to have as many thorns as possible planted in the way he takes to reach it? If large salaries awaited every graduate of our Seminary; if he could run in debt for his education and be sure of paying those debts out of a fat living soon after graduation, there would be more justice in these strictures we have referred to; but when you expect a man to spend ten years in obtaining an education and then offer him $550 per annum when he comes out of the Seminary on which to support his family, I submit that the churches ought to see to it that, for lack of a pittance from them, he does not come out deeply in debt. More than this, the $75 or the $100 a young man receives from this Society often makes all the difference to him between the farm, or the work-shop, and the pulpit. *It* makes it possible, and this help alone makes it possible for him to obtain an education.

Shall we empty our pulpits, and kill the struggling churches because some unworthy ones and some weak ones have been helped by this Society into a position they could not adorn.

We admit that occasionally an imposter has been attracted by the help thus offered to enter the ministry; that oftener still those have been helped who would grace the hay-field or the carpenter's shop more than the pulpit, but compared with the whole number helped, we believe that the unworthy ones and the incorrigably stupid ones, have been so few that they are not worth mentioning. Is it thought demoralizing for the Government to pay the bills of the West Point Cadets? Does it spoil those young men for soldiers? Is it cast in their teeth that they are charity students? If the Government is under obligations to educate its officers to whom it pays throughout their lives good salaries, is not the church under obligation to help its future officers to an education when it never expects to pay more than a living salary?

In view then of the needs of the church, in view of the great good hitherto accomplished by this Society, in view of the special needs of the State of Maine, we commend this Society to your liberal benefactions.

F. E. CLARK, SECRETARY.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

TO VISIT THE

BANGOR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, 1880.

The number of students who have availed themselves of the privileges of the Seminary the past year is twenty-eight; nine of these were from our own State; ten of them from Great Britain and her Provinces; nine of the students had enjoyed in whole or part a collegiate course, four of them at Bowdoin College. The members of the Junior Class have been favored the past year with the labors of a new instructor in New Testament Greek (Prof. Denio), and the opportunity given to begin and carry on the study of the original text has been heartily embraced and faithfully improved. The examination in all the departments showed, as usual, commendable progress on the part of the students, and faithful work on the part of the professors. The class of ten which goes forth this year to work for the Master is one of which the Seminary may well be proud. Much interest was added to the recent anniversary by the alumni dinner, and the flow of the soul which accompanied it. It was an occasion of delightful communion, made especially impressive by the affectionate welcome and blessing of the venerable President of the Seminary.

The invested funds of the Seminary are about $185,000, and every dollar good and safely invested. It is proposed to establish a new Professorship in New Testament Greek, as soon as funds can be provided. The finance committee were authorized at the last meeting to employ a special agent to secure the sum of $100,000, which is needed to complete the endowment, several of the Professorships having never been fully endowed. The income of the funds has for years past been much larger than can be expected for years to come, at the present low rate of interest. Your committee would commend anew to the churches of the State this loved and honored institution. Its work in the past; the power for good that it has exerted throughout the world; the fact that to-day three hundred and three of its graduates are in active service, ten on foreign mission ground, ten as Presidents and Professors in Theological Seminaries in our own land, added to the fact that two-thirds of the pastors of our churches are supplied from this source, make her worthy of the sympathy, prayers, and material aid of all.

E. N. SMITH, CHAIRMAN.

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TRUSTEES OF THE BANGOR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

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Rev. ENOCH POND, D. D., President.....1832
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Rev. LEVI LEONARD PAINE, D. D., WALDO Professor of Ecclesiastical History 1871
Rev. JOHN SMITH SEWALL, D. D., FOGG Professor of Sacred Rhetoric and Oratory 1875
Rev. CYRUS HAMLIN, D. D., BUCK Professor of Christian Theology, and Lecturer on Pastoral Duties (*pro tem.*).....1877
FRANCIS B. DENIO, A. M., TUTOR of Greek and Hebrew.....1879

Term commences Sept. 15, 1880,—fifteen weeks from the Anniversary,—which is held on the first Wednesday in June. Examination of Classes, and Society addresses, on Tuesday and Wednesday of the same week.

THE SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SEMINARY....1880.

May 31.—*Monday Evening.*—Anniversary of the Rhetorical Society, in Hammond St. church, where all the subsequent exercises, except the examinations, were held. Prayer, by the Rev. Benjamin Tappan D. D., of Norridgewock. Four orations by two members each, of the Junior and Middle classes. Music by the Central Church Choir.

June 1,—*Tuesday*, 9 *A. M.*, *in the chapel.*—Examination of the Junior class in the Old Testament, by Prof. Talcott. 10 *A. M.*, of the Junior class in New Testament Greek, by Mr. F. B. Denio. 11:15 *A. M.*, Senior class in Homiletics, Prof. Sewall. 2 *P. M.*, of the Junior class in the New Testament, by Professor Talcott. 3:30 *P. M.*, Senior class in Church History, by Professor Paine.

Evening.—Address before the Rhetorical Society, by Rev. John T. Duryea, D. D., of Boston, on the matter and manner of preaching—how to learn to do it with ease and success. Devotional exercises by Rev. Smith Baker, of Lowell, Mass. Singing by the congregation.

June 2,—*Wednesday*, 8 *A. M.* ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES.—9 *A. M.* Examination of the Middle class in Church History, by Prof. Paine. 10:30 *A. M.*, of the Middle class in Theology, by Prof. Hamlin.

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1 *P. M.*—Alumni dinner, in the chapel. Rev. Smith Baker, (Alumnus, 1860,) of Lowell, Mass., presided. Remarks were made by him—by Rev. John T. Duryea, D. D., of Boston; Rev. I. P. Warren, D. D., of the Christian Mirror; Gen. Charles H. Howard, of the Advance, Chicago; William E. Gould, of Portland; Rev. Wooster Parker, of Belfast; Rev. G. W. Field, of Bangor; Professors Pond, Paine and Sewall, of the Seminary.

Reference was made by the latter, to the Necrology of the year,—eight having deceased, viz:—Lent S. Houghton, class, 1831, at Poquonock, Conn., Sept. 22, 1879, æt. 76; Edwin Seabury, (1837,) in Walpole, N. H., June 14, 1879, æt. 66; Jonas Fisk, (1838,) in Danvers, Mass., Oct. 4, 1879, æt. 74; Ephraim Chambers, (1839,) in Marblehead, Mass., March 8, 1880, æt. 71; Asa T. Loring, (1846,) in Omaha, Neb., April 13, 1880, æt. 67; Benjamin G. Snow, (1849,) in Brewer, May 1, 1880, æt. 63; Leander S. Coan, (1862,) in Alton, N. H., Sept. 24, 1879, æt. 42.—Notices of the above, on pp. 86, etc. He mentioned thirty others, connected with the Seminary, who have ended their earthly course, but whose names have not heretofore been entered on the records of the Association. The report is published in the Mirror of June 12.

Officers Elected.—James H. Crosby, (1865,) of Bangor, *President;* Woodbury S. Kimball, (1867,) of Wells, *Vice-President;* Clarence A. Beckwith, (1877,) of Brewer, *Secretary and Necrologist;* Cyrus Hamlin, D. D., (1837,) of Bangor, Alfred J. McGown, (1877,) of Orono, with the President, Vice-President, and the Secretary, *Executive Committee.*

Wednesday evening.—Graduating exercises of the Senior class,—numbering ten, nine of whom delivered addresses. Devotional exercises by Revs. Levi L. Paine, D. D., of Bangor, and I. P. Warren, D. D., of Portland. The Diplomas were presented by Professor Sewall. Professor Talcott addressed parting words to the class. The singing was by the Penobscot Quartette. Organ voluntary by Mrs. F. S. Davenport. Last hymn by the congregation.

Report of Anniversary in Mirror, June 5; Cong'list, June 9; Advance, June 13, and in Bangor papers.

A course of scientific and literary lectures were given during the winter and spring, by the Professors, in the chapel, on Friday evenings, which were also open to the public.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
TO VISIT
BOWDOIN COLLEGE, 1879.

The committee appointed to visit Bowdoin College in behalf of the General Conference have performed that service as well as they were able, attending the last commencement and some of the examinations near the close of the collegiate year, and having had free conversation with the president and members of the faculty in respect to its condition and prosperity. It gives us great pleasure to say that the impression made on our minds is that the college has not for some years been in a more favorable condition for asking the confidence of the Congregationalists of Maine than at present. The standard of scholarship is high, both for admission and for continuance in the course. The curriculum of studies we understand, is to be generally raised before the beginning of another year. More attention is to be given to the Christian aspects of Mental and Moral Philosophy, and also to the evidences of Christianity. We believe that the plan of having two or three different courses of study is to be changed by making the Freshman studies uniform for all, and thereafter in the Sophomore year elective studies, giving all the students the choice of devoting from one to three terms in that year either to classics, mathematics, or modern languages, and also continuing the uniform course in science and physics for all. It is, we believe, the aim, and an aim that will be carried out, to afford as good instruction in the various departments as can be had, and also to require of the students to keep up well in work or attainments, as a condition of continuance with the college.

But your committee was specially interested to inquire into the provision that was likely to be made or has been made at Bowdoin to meet the religious needs of the undergraduates. There is yet something to be desired in this direction, and this matter is not by any means overlooked by the faculty. We apprehend that the introduction of real *pastoral* work among the students would be a good thing, yet in the circumstances it may be a difficult thing to realize. We are glad to say that the village church, with whom the students mostly worship on the Sabbath, now has an able pastor, whose ministrations are very acceptable to these young men. We hope for much good from this source in the future. The

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Bible classes of Pres. Chamberlain and Prof. Smith on Sabbath mornings are helpful, and we have heard through two or three students good testimonies, of the value of the Praying Circle, which meets every Friday evening.

On the whole, the committee are pleased with the general aspect of affairs at Bowdoin, and believe that this institution, which has been the center of so many hopes and prayers, is increasingly worthy of the confidence and affection of the churches. They would recommend the appointment of a similar committee the present year, and the cordial welcoming, as heretofore, of the representatives of the college to the sessions of this body.

In behalf of the committee,

I. P. WARREN.

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Fall Term commences Thursday, Sept. 23, 1880. Commencement Day, Thursday, July 8, 1881.

The Reading-room is fully furnished with newspapers and magazines, and it is now a first-class Reading-room.

The "Praying Circle" of the College was instituted July 22, 1815, and meets Sabbath morning. These meetings are open to all who desire to attend. The object of this association is: "The religious edification of its members, the promotion of vital godliness in the College, and prayer for the universal spread of the gospel."

Commencement morning, a prayer-meeting is held under direction of the Bowdoin Praying Circle.

BACCALAUREATE DISCOURSE, July 4, 1880, by President Chamberlain, Sabbath P.M. Romans 5:23. The Conflict of Laws. Some of these so-called conflicts are not really conflicts of laws, but of the ambiguous and figurative meanings we attach to the term. Law in its true sense was defined.

In the morning, a sermon was preached by Rev. George W. Field, D. D., of Bangor, before the Bowdoin Praying Circle.—Matt. 26:41. "Watch and Pray." The greatest workers have been prayerful men—heroes in action have ever been children in prayer. If work and prayer are not combined, either pride or despair will follow. Pride is such a blemish to character that all virtues are often hidden by it. Failure cannot bring despair to a prayerful man—a truly good man cannot fail.

Monday, July 5.—Evening.—Junior Prize Exhibition.—*P. M.* A lawn party was given to the Senior class and friends, by Professor and Mrs. Carmichael.

Tuesday, July 6.—Class Day Exercises.—10:30 *A. M.*, in the church; Prayer, Oration and Poem. 3 *P. M.* Exercises around the Thorndike Oak. *Evening.* Decorations and illuminations.

Wednesday, July 7.—Annual meeting of the Phi Beta Kappa, 9 *A. M.;* Alumni Association, 10 *A. M.*;—*P. M.*, address by Professor George T. Ladd, A. M., before the Phi Beta Kappa, on questions concerning the nature and origin and validity of human belief in that One whom philosophy designates as a Personal Absolute,—but whom faith calls GOD. *Evening.*—Concert.

Thursday, July 8.—9 o'clock A. M. Prayer-meeting of the Alumni.—10:30 A. M. Graduating exercises of the Senior class. Thirty members.—Five addresses for the degree of B. A.; five for the degree of B. S.; and two for the degree of M. A.—Devotional exercises led by Rev. L. O. Brastow, D. D., of Burlington, Vt., and Rev. Edwin B. Webb, D. D., of Boston.

Commencement dinner was served in Memorial Hall. Prayer, Rev. William T. Savage, D. D., of Illinois. After the dinner was disposed of, President Chamberlain called upon Rev. Prof. A. S. Packard, D. D., to speak of the history of the College, now nearly completed, and which would be published if the subscription list would justify it. Remarks were made by Hon. S. H. Blake, of Bangor; Gen. J. M. Brown, of Portland; Hon. T. B. Reed, M. C.; Rev. Dr. Webb; C. E. Soule, President of

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the Alumni Association of New York City; Dr. Lee, of St. Lawrence University, and others.

In the evening, the President gave a reception to the Alumni and friends of the College.

Friday, July 9.—Annual meeting of the Maine Historical Society.

Mrs. Stone, of Malden, Mass., has offered to complete Memorial Hall, and given assurance that the money will be advanced in September, when she transfers to the College $60,000 for the endowment of the Professorship of Mental and Moral Philosophy. Mr. Winkley, of Philadelphia, who gave $10,000 last year, gives this year $15,000.

At a meeting of the Boards, it was voted to establish chairs in Latin Language and Literature, and a chair in Elocution and Oratory, as soon as the funds of the College will allow it.

The degree of LD. D. was conferred on Rev. Cyrus Hamlin, D. D., of Bangor Seminary; and the degree of D. D., on Lewis A. Brastow, of Burlington, Vt.

The "Bowdoin Orient" is published every alternate Wednesday during the collegiate year, by the Senior class. No. 6, vol. 10, published July 14, 1881, is the commencement number, and contains a report of the exercises of the week.

Bowdoin College forty-seven years ago, Ch. Mir., Feb. 14,1880.—Bowdoin Praying Circle, Ch. Mirror, July 17, 1880.

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The Anniversary exercises were held June 27, 28, 29, 1880.

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BACCALAUREATE DISCOURSE, Sabbath morning, June 27, 1880, by Rev. Charles A. White, Hallowell.

Monday, June 28.—The examinations of the several classes.—*Evening.*—ANNIVERSARY ADDRESS, Rev. Frank E. Clark, Portland. Theme.—The rights of young people.

Tuesday, June 29.—Anniversary exercises.—Two orations by the Classical department; one oration and two essays by the Scientific department, and three essays by the Seminary department.

1. The courses of study are the CLASSICAL, preparing for the best Colleges.
2. The SEMINARY, for the advanced training and culture of young ladies.
3. The ENGLISH, preparing for business.

The Ladies' Hall looks out upon the Kennebec river, is heated by steam, and furnished with bathing rooms, and an abundance of pure spring water.

The Young Men's Hall is in charge of a lady of experience, and the assistant male teacher resides there, and has the care of its inmates.

The School Year consists of three terms; the Fall, twelve weeks, commencing Aug. 31, 1880; the Winter, fourteen; and the Spring, thirteen weeks.

The living expenses of the students have been partially lessened.

For Catalogue, or information, address the Principal, or Rev. H. F. Harding, Secretary, Hallowell, Maine.

WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS—MAINE BRANCH.

ORGANIZED NOVEMBER 12, 1873.

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Seventy-four auxiliaries were reported last year. Four have been organized this year; at Elliot, Kittery Point, Gardiner, Temple, and those in Bath and Ellsworth, re-organized; and four new Mission Circles,—in Lebanon, Winslow, Brownville and Bridgton. Whole number of auxiliaries, 78. Mission Circles, 51.

Receipts for the year, $3,314.90.

Meeting of the State Branch in Foxcroft, June 16, 1880. (See page 26.)

The pledged work for the next year is the support of the school at Mardin, Eastern Turkey Mission,—Mrs. Andrus, Miss Sears, and Miss Pratt, teachers; the school at Bardesay, Western Turkey Mission,—Miss Farnham, teacher; and the school at Umzumbi, South Africa,—Mrs. Bridgman, Miss Pinkerton, and Miss Welch, teachers; it pledges also the salary of Miss Clara E. Hamlin, at the Constantinople Home, and towards the building of a dispensary for Miss Ogden, at Sholapoor, India. This latter sum is to be raised by the Mission Circles.

Seventh Annual Report is published.

AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.—WOMAN'S AID.

During the session of the General Conference in Winthrop, last year, there was a meeting of ladies from different parts of the State, in the pastor's study, to consider whether the women of Maine ought not to do something to help the work of the American Missionary Association, among the freedmen of the South.

It was decided to raise money among the women of the State for the support of a lady missionary, for one year, who should labor especially among the freedmen in their homes, or in any place which the Association might designate.

A committee of four ladies were chosen, viz., Mrs. William E. Gould, Portland; Mrs. Horatio Ilsley, South Freeport; Mrs. J. P. Hubbard, Hiram; Mrs. F. E. Stewart, Farmington, to form the plan of work, and attend to its execution. A lady in each local conference was appointed, to confer with each church within its bounds. The result has been the collection of $681.50, and several barrels of clothing.

Miss Anne E. Farrington, of Portland, has been employed four months in Wilmington, N. C., and on the 1st of October she will resume her labors there. Miss Mary K. Lunt, of New Gloucester, a second missionary, will go to some other place, not yet fixed upon.

The committee this year are:—Miss Mary E. Smith, Gorham; Miss Lizzie Merrill, Brownville; Mrs. J. R. Learned, Auburn; Mrs. C. F. Stone, Machias.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF MAINE.

Object;—Spiritual, Mental, and Moral Improvement. The Means:-Religious Meetings, Sunday-Schools, Social Gatherings, Reading-Room, Lectures, Library, The Press.

Organizations in the following places: Auburn, Biddeford, Boothbay, Bridgton, Brownfield, Bucksport, Cherryfield, Ellsworth, Houlton, Lewiston, Machias, Machiasport, Portland, Rockland, Saco, Searsport, Union, and Winthrop. "The Helping Hand," a monthly paper for young men is published by the Portland Association.

Any information in regard to Associations, their object, organization, work, etc., furnished free on application, to W. H. Hobbs, *Corresponding Secretary*, Portland.

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CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETIES.

The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.—Treasurer, Langdon S. Ward, Cong'l House, Boston. Missionary Herald, $1.10 a year.

Secretaries of the American Board.—Rev. N. G. Clark, D. D., and Rev. E. K. Alden, D. D., of Boston. *District Secretary* at New York City, Rev. H. C. Haydn, Bible House, Astor Place.

Receipts from Maine, 1878-'9,—$5,761.64, Legacies,—$4,835.00, Mission Schools,—$470.78. Total,—$11,067.42.

Annual meeting of the Board, in Lowell, Mass., Oct. 5, 1880, 3 P. M.

Woman's Board of Missions.—Mrs. Albert Bowker, *President*; Miss A. B. Child, *Home Secretary*; Mrs. B. E. Bates, *Treasurer*. "Life and Light for Women," monthly, 60 cents. Rooms, 1 and 2, Congregational House, Boston.—Receipts from Maine, $3,089.09.

The American Missionary Association.—Contributions may be sent to Rev. C. L. Woodworth, *Sec'y*, No. 21 Congregational House, Boston. Fifty cents a year sent to H. W. Hubbard, *Treasurer*, 56 Reade street, N. Y., pays for the American Missionary Magazine;—published monthly.

Rev. M. E. Strieby, D. D., 56 Reade street, New York, *Secretary;* Rev. S. Thurston, D. D., *Vice-President* from Maine.—Receipts from Maine, $3,731.77, including Legacies. The Ladies of Maine have in addition collected $690.00 for the Association.

Annual meeting in Norwich, Ct., 1880, Oct. 12—14.

American Congregational Association, Congregational House, No. 1 Somerset street, Boston, Mass.

For information, or remittances for the Congregational House, or gifts to the Congregational Library, address Rev. Isaac P. Langworthy, D. D., *Cor. Sec., &c.*, Boston, Mass.

Vice-Presidents for Maine, Hon. W. W. Thomas, Portland; Hon. Nelson Dingley, jr., Lewiston.

The twenty-seventh Annual Report is published, 16 pp., 8vo.; books and pamphlets are acknowledged as received during the year from Maine, for the Library.

The Congregational Publishing Society. Aids Sabbath-schools, supplies Libraries and Tracts in home missionary fields. Rev. John O. Means, D. D. *Sec'y.* George P. Smith, Agent, Congregational House, Boston, Mass. Well Spring and Missionary Echoes, published weekly, 65 cts per year; Pilgrim Quarterly, 20 cents per year; Pilgrim Lesson Paper, monthly, 7½ cents; Little Pilgrim Lesson Paper, weekly, 25 cents per year. Donated to Maine, $20.50.

Rev. Edward Y. Hincks, of Portland, *Vice-President* from Maine.

The Society for Collegiate and Theological Education and the *American Education Society* are now united under the name of the *American College and Educational Society.* Aids in planting Christian Colleges in the new States, ten institutions; also aids students to the Christain Ministry, Rev. I. N. Tarbox,

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Cor. Secretary, No. 10 Congregational House, Boston; James M. Gordon, *Treasurer*, Boston. Receipts of Maine Auxiliary, $434.73.

The sixth annual report is published.

The American Congregational Union.—Rev. William B. Brown, D. D., *Cor. Sec'y;* Prof. N. A. Calkins, *Treasurer*, No. 59 Bible House, New York City.

Rev. John O. Fiske, D.D., of Bath, *Vice-President* from Maine.

Receipts from Maine, $483.99.

The American Home Missionary Society, Bible House, Astor Place, New York City. Revs. D. B. Coe, D. D., and H. M. Storrs, D. D., *Secretaries*; Rev. A.H. Clapp, D. D., *Treasurer*. The Home Missionary, published monthly, at sixty cents per year. Receipts from Maine, $738.70.

CONGREGATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF THE UNITED STATES.—Organized Nov. 17, 1871. Meets Triennially.

Met in Oberlin, Nov. 17, 1871.—New Haven, Sept. 30, 1874; Detroit, Oct. 17, 1877. Next meeting in St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 11, 1880, at 10:30 A. M.

Alabama, Gen. Conf'e of Cong'l Churches	Mobile	March 25, 1881
California, General Association	Oakland	Oct. 5, 1880
Colorado, Association of Cong'l Churches	Denver	Nov. 1880
Connecticut, General Association	New Milford	June 21, 1881
Connecticut, General Conference	Rockville	Nov. 12, 1880
Dakota, Congregational Association	Sioux Falls	Oct. 21, 1880
Georgia, General Conference	Atlanta	Nov. 18, 1880
Illinois, General Association	Champaign	May 25, 1881
Indiana, Gen. Asso. of Cong'l Chs. & Ministers		May 1, 1881
Iowa, General Association	Osage	June 1, 1881
Kansas, Gen. Asso. of Cong'l Chs. & Ministers	Topeka	Oct. 28, 1881
Kentucky, State Asso. of Christian Chs. & M'rs		Oct. 1880
Louisiana, South-western Conference		April, 1881
Massachusetts, Gen. Asso. of Cong'l Chs		June 1, 1881
Michigan, General Association	Charlotte	May 18, 1881
Minnesota, Gen. Cong'l Conference	Northfield	Oct. 13, 1880
Missouri, Gen. Asso. of the Cong'l Chs	Hannibal	Oct. 12, 1880
Nebraska, Congregational Association	Hastings	Oct. 21, 1880
New Hampshire, General Association	Portsmouth	Sept. 14, 1880
New Jersey, General Association	Newark, N. J.	June, 1871
New York, General Association	Poughkeepsie	Oct. 19, 1880
Ohio, Congregational Conference	Akron	May 10, 1881
Oregon, Congregational Association	Salem	July 7, 1881
Rhode Island, Congregational Conference	Pilgrim, ch. Providence	June 14, 1881
Texas, S. W. Congregational Association		July, 1881
Vermont, Gen. Conv. of Cong'l Min'rs & Chs.	St. Johnsbury	June 7, 1881
Wisconsin, Cong'l and Pres. Convention,	Milwaukie	Sept. 30, 1880

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District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia, in New Jersey Gen. Association.
Northern Alabama, Tennessee and Mississippi:—The Central South Conference.
Memphis, Tennessee.....Nov. 4, 1880
Maryland, in Congregational Asso. of New Jersey.
Nevada, in General Association of California.
Pennsylvania, Welsh Congregational Association of Eastern Pennsylvania, in Clifford, Dundaff, Sept. 1880.—Welsh Cong'l Asso. of Western Pennsylvania, in Frostburg, Md. Sept. 1880.
Washington Territory, Congregational Association, Fidalgo.....Aug. 19, 1880
West Virginia, in Ohio Conference.—Virginia, in Con'l Association of New Jersey.
Wyoming, in Colorado Association.
Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, Noel, N. S., July 10, 1881
Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec, in Northern Ch. Toronto, Ontario.
See Note p. 22. June 8, 1881

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL.

DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF THE UNITED STATES, at St. Louis, Mo., Thursday, Nov. 11, 1880, 10:30 A. M., to continue over the Sabbath.

DELEGATES FROM THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF MAINE.—Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D., Bath; Dea. William E. Gould, Portland; Rev. Frank E. Clark, Portland; Rev. George S. Dickerman, Lewiston.—*Alternates*, Dea. Joseph S. Wheelwright, Bangor; Hon. George B. Barrows, Fryeburg; Samuel S. Brooks, Esq., Augusta; Dea. John R. Learned, Auburn.

AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE.—Rev. Zenas Crowell, Houlton.—*Alternate*, Rev. Wm. A. Merrill, Sherman.

CUMBERLAND.—Rev. William H. Fenn, Portland; Dea. Henry H. Burgess, Portland. *Alternates.*—Rev. Frank E. Clark, Portland; Dea. Sylvester Marr, Yarmouth.

CUMBERLAND NORTH.—Rev. Prof. George T. Ladd, Brunswick; Rev. Frederick E. Emrich, Mechanic Falls. *Alternates.*—Rev. Anson P. Tinker, Auburn; Dea. Jonathan L. H. Cobb, Lewiston.

FRANKLIN.—Rev. Albert W. Moore, Farmington. *Alternate.*—Dea. Edward P. Packard, Wilton.

HANCOCK.—Rev. Charles J. H. Ropes, Ellsworth.—*Alternate.*—Prof. George T. Fletcher, Castine.

KENNEBEC.—Rev. Austin L. Park, Gardiner.

LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOC.—Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D., Bath; Rev. Flavius V. Norcross, Union.—*Alternates.*—Rev. William H. Richards, Bath; Rev. Charles H. Pope, Thomaston.

OXFORD.—Hon. Eben W. Woodbury, Bethel.—*Alternate.*—Dea. H. N. Bolster, Paris.

PENOBSCOT.—Rev. Clarence S. Sargent, Brewer Village; Thomas G. Stickney, Bangor.

PISCATAQUIS.—Rev. H. A. Loring, Foxcroft; *Alternate*, Dea. Charles H. B. Woodbury, Dover.

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SOMERSET.—Rev. Webster Woodbury, Skowhegan.

UNION.—Rev. Javan K. Mason, D. D., Fryeburg; Hon. George B. Barrows, Fryeburg.

WALDO.—Rev. Benjamin B. Merrill, Searsport; *Alternate*, Rev. John A. Ross, Belfast.

WASHINGTON.—Rev. Charles G. McCully, Calais; Rev. Charles Whittier, Dennysville.

YORK.—Rev. Edward Chase, Biddeford; Rev. Benjamin P. Snow, Alfred; Dea. Samuel Boynton, Biddeford.

RECEIVERS AND REPORTERS.

Aroostook Conference—Rev. Charles N. Sinnett, Patten. *Cumberland*—Rev. H. S. Huntington, Gorham. *Cumberland North*—Rev. T. S. Perry, Cumberland. *Franklin*—Dea. E. P. Packard, Wilton. *Hancock*—Rev. D. W. Hardy, Bluehill. *Kennebec*—Rev. W. C. Curtis, Richmond. *Lincoln and Sagadahoc*—Rev. F. V. Norcross, Union. *Oxford*—A. W. Valentine, Bethel. *Penobscot*—Rev. C. S. Sargent, Brewer Village. *Piscataquis*—Rev. Rufus W. Emerson, Monson. *Somerset*—A. R. Bixby, Skowhegan. *Union*—Rev. N. Lincoln, North Brighton. *Waldo*—Rev. John A. Ross, Belfast. *Washington*—Charles F. Stone, Machias. *York*—W. S. Thompson, Acton.

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATIONS.

AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE.—MATTANAWCOOK ASSOCIATION.—Organized in Enfield, Dec. 15, 1851. Meetings,—the day preceding the annual and semi-annual meeting of the Conference, Rev. Charles N. Sinnett, *Scribe*, p. t.

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION, Organized in Westbrook, May 28, 1788, Annual meeting, second Tuesday of February: other meetings, on the second Tuesday of May, August and November. Rev. John P. Trowbridge, *Scribe*.

HANCOCK ASSOCIATION.—Organized in Sedgwick, Sept. 21, 1797. Meets first week in June, and second week in February, August and November. Rev. Alfred E. Ives, Castine, *Scribe*.

KENNEBEC AND SOMERSET ASSOCIATION.—Kennebec and Somerset Associations were united April 23, 1867. Annual meeting in January. Four meetings in the year. Rev. Webster Woodbury, Skowhegan, *Scribe*.

Kennebec Association organized in Pittston, July 24, 1816. Prior to 1816, it was united with Lincoln under the name of Lincoln and Kennebec Ministerial Conference.—Somerset Association, organized in New Sharon, May 6, 1829,—last meeting, in May, 1851.—Franklin Association, organized August 1, 1848.—Somerset and Franklin Association united; organized at Weld, Aug. 4, 1852, last meeting, Feb. 3, 1864. All merged in Kennebec and Somerset Association; organized in Waterville, April 23, 1867.

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LINCOLN WEST ASSOCIATION.—Organized at Phipsburg, May 1, 1844.—Meets first Tuesdays of February, May and November. Rev. Henry O. Thayer, Woolwich, *Scribe.*

Lincoln East Association, formed in Warren, May 1, 1814,—meets third Tuesday in January, and second Tuesday in May and September.

OXFORD ASSOCIATION.—Was organized at Norway, June 11, 1822. Meetings, on the second Tuesday in May, July and September, Rev. Samuel W. Pearson, Andover, *Scribe, p.t.*

PENOBSCOT ASSOCIATION.—Organized at Bangor, Aug. 8, 1842.—Annual meeting on Tuesday, preceding the third Wednesday in December; other meetings by adjournment.—Rev. John S. Sewall, D. D., Bangor, *Scribe.*

PISCATAQUIS ASSOCIATION.—Organized at Monson, Jan. 25, 1841.—Annual meeting, third Tuesday in February; meetings quarterly. Rev. Jehiel S. Richards, Jr., Dexter, *Scribe.*

UNION ASSOCIATION.—Organized in South Bridgton, Jan. 1, 1834.—Meets the first Tuesday in March and September, and second Thursday in December. Rev. O. W. Rogers, Bridgton, *Scribe.*

WALDO ASSOCIATION.—Organized in Belfast, 1830, November 10. Annual meeting in August. Four meetings in the year. Rev. Benjamin B. Merrill, Searsport, *Scribe.*

WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION,—reported in Minutes, 1852—1873. Meetings in June and October. Sub. Associations, more frequently. Re-organized, June 12, 1878. Rev. Charles Whittier, Dennysville, *Scribe.*

YORK ASSOCIATION.—Organized in Arundel, (now Kennebunkport,) Oct. 27, 1817. Meets on the first Tuesday of February and May, and the last Tuesday in September. Rev. Benj. P. Snow, Alfred, *Scribe.*

The ministers in South Berwick, Elliot, York and Kittery, are connected with the PISCATAQUA ASSOCIATION, N. H.; formed in Kittery, Oct. 24, 1871. Annual meeting, third Tuesday in April; other meetings on the third Tuesday of July, October and January. Rev. Isaac C. White, of New Market, N. H., *Scribe.*

The names of the members of the above Associations may be found in Minutes, 1879, pp. 90—94, 122.

INFORMATION RECEIVED SINCE PREVIOUS PAGES WERE PRINTED.

The Council which dismissed Rev. Samuel L. Vincent, from the pastorate in Pembroke, was convened at Princeton, Oct. 1, 1879, where the semi-annual meeting of Washington Conference was held. Rev. Charles Whittier, of Dennysville, *Moderator of Council*; Rev. George W. Kelley, of Eastport, *Scribe.*

A branch of the church in Cherryfield comprising seven female members, organized at Steuben, Oct. 5, 1879, Rev. Henry F. Harding, then supplying at C., officiating;—about 20 members from Cherryfield being present, and partaking of the Lord's Supper. Two other members have since been received.

The ordination of Rev. Richard M. Peacock, took place at Solon, June 23, 1880, p. 76.

REV. GEORGE TRUMBULL LADD, A. M., Professor of Mental and Moral Philosophy, in Bowdoin College, Brunswick, should have been entered on p. 84. Ordained, 1870, May 26. Also, Rev. HORATIO ILSLEY, South Freeport, ordained 1837, Oct. 26, and Rev. JOSEPH SMITH, Orland, ordained 1842, Nov. 10.

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AVERAGE MINISTERIAL AGE.

The average ministerial age of 197 ordained ministers now in the State, is 19 years, of 47 who have no pastoral charge, 35 years; of the others, (150) 15 years.

Of the 197 ordained ministers, three have been in the ministry from 61 to 65 years; —average 62 years; Rev. Drs. E. Pond, T. Adams and J. J. Carruthers; four from 52 to 57 years,—average 54 years; Revs. L. I. Hoadley, D. D. Tappan, Dr. S. Thurston, and J. T. Hawes,—the latter in active service; twenty, from 41 to 49 years,—average 44 years; seventeen from 31 to 38 years,—average, 35 years; thirty-three from 21 to 30 years,—average, 26 years; thirty-eight, from 11 to 20 years,—average, 16 years; seventy-eight, from 1 to 10 years,—average, 6 years; four less than one year—Total 197.

Average time of settlement of seventy-two over the churches of which they are now pastors,—6 years; these have been in the ministry, average 12 years each.

Average time of settlement of seventy-eight acting-pastors, all of whom are ordained ministers, four years; these have been in the ministry, average 16 years each.

IN THE SEVERAL CONFERENCES.

The first and second columns of figures, gives the number of ministers in each Conference, and the average years of their ordination. The third, fourth and fifth columns, the number of pastors, average number of years in the present pastorate, and the average number of years in the ministry. The sixth, seventh and eighth columns, the number of acting-pastors, the average number of years as such in the churches with which they are now connected, and the average number of years in the ministry. The ninth and tenth columns, the number without charge, and the average number of years in the ministry. Fractions of years are omitted.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Conferences.	No. of Ministers.	Average Ministerial Age.	Pastors.	Average No. of Years.	Average Ministerial Age.	Acting Pastors	Average No. of Years.	Average Ministerial Age.	Without charge.	Av'age Ministerial Age.
Aroostook	7	20	2	2	2	3	1	20	2	35
Cumberland ...	29	20	15	6	12	4	3	16	10	32
Cumberland N.	20	17	8	3	7	9	4	11	3	29
Franklin.....	9	23	1	1	1	4	3	14	4	37
Hancock.....	10	20	4	4	6	4	5	25	2	38
Kennebec.....	16	20	6	5	6	5	10	27	5	30
Lincoln & Sag.	18	17	8	10	17	8	5	10	2	49
Oxford	8	21	4	9	16	2	3	8	2	45
Penobscot....	16	20	5	5	8	3	3	16	8	30
Piscataquis ...	7	14	4	12	15	3	4	14	0	0
Somerset.....	5	26	1	22	42	4	13	22	0	0
Union.....	9	21	2	5	5	6	3	22	1	47
Waldo.	6	32	3	5	15	0	0	0	3	39
Washington...	10	6	4	6	6	6	2	6	0	0
York	27	23	5	2	11	17	5	21	5	40
Fifteen.	197	19	72	6	12	78	4	16	47	35

In some of the previous tables, the names of ministers appear twice; one person sometimes supplying in two Conferences; and those "without charge," supplying temporarily a church. In the above table, they are reckoned only once.

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POST-OFFICE ADDRESS OF MINISTERS.

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Adams, John C.....Falmouth.....84
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Arnold, Henry T.....Wells.....55

Bacon, Edward E.....Norway.....48
Baker, John W. H.....New Sharon.....84
Baker, Silas.....Standish.....84
Bartlett, Joseph.....Gorham.....84
Bean, Ebenezer.....Gray.....43
Beckwith, Clarence A..Brewer.....49
Benedict, Arthur J....Gorham, N H.....48
Bickford, Warren F....Winthrop.....46
Blair, John J.....Rockland.....47
Blanchard, Addison....St. John, N.B.....73
Blanchard, Merrill.....Winterport.....53
Bowler, Stephen L.....Bethel.....48
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Burnham, Jonas.....Farmington.....84
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Carruthers, John J....Portland.....84
Chapin, George E.....Jonesport.....54
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Crane, Chas. D.....Waterville.....48
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Crosby, James H.....Bangor.....84
Cross, Wellington R....Camden.....53
Crowell, Zenas.....Houlton.....41
Cummings, Eph. C.....Portland.....84
Curtis, Wm. C.....Richmond.....46
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Davies, Thomas M.....Buxton.....55
Davis, David L.....Pittston.....46
Davis, Edgar F.....Milltown.....54
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Emrich, Frederick E...Mechanic Falls.....43
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Emmons, Henry V.....Hallowell.....84
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Garland, David.....Bethel.....48
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Merrill, Benj. B.....Searsport.....53
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ELIAS BOND, Hallowell Ch., Bangor Sem., 1840.....Kohola (Hawaii) Sandwich Islands
ROYAL M. COLE, Bangor, Hammond St., Ch., Bangor Sem., 1868.....Erzroom, Eastern Turkey
R. HENRY DAVIS, Hiram, Bangor Sem., 1871.....Kobe, Japan
AMERICUS FULLER, Hallowell Ch., Bangor Sem., 1862.....Aintab, Central Turkey
JOSEPH K. GREEN, Lewiston Ch., Union Sem., N. Y., 1858.....Constantinople, Turkey
JOSEPH P. GREEN, Bangor, Central Ch., Bangor Sem., 1863. Honolulu, (Oahu) Sandwich Islands
JOHN D. PARIS, Bangor, Hammond St. Ch., Bangor Sem., 1839.....Kona (Hawaii) S. Islands
JOHN E. PIERCE, Bangor, Central Ch., Bangor Sem., 1868.....Nicomedia, Eastern Turkey
JOSEPH E. WALKER, Bangor, First Ch., Bangor Sem., 1871.....Shao-wu, China
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SEVENTY-THIRD

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

OF THE

MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

PRESENTED AT THE

Annual Meeting at Foxcroft,

JUNE 16, 1880.

BANGOR:
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Maine Missionary Society.

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled as follows:

SECTION 1. Samuel Harris, Stephen Thurston, Joseph S. Wheelwright, Eben Steele, Woodbury Davis, and Joshua Maxwell, with their associates, being members of the Maine Missionary Society, a Society heretofore existing and organized for the purpose of aiding Congregational churches in said State in need of assistance in supporting the preaching of the gospel, are hereby created a body politic and corporate by the said name of the Maine Missionary Society, with the usual appropriate corporate rights and privileges, and with full power to acquire, hold, and convey personal and real property, and to use the same in promoting and securing the aforesaid objects and purposes of their incorporation.

SECTION 2. All the doings of said Society while heretofore existing, all gifts, grants, bequests, and donations made to it, and all grants, appropriations, and conveyances made by said Society, are hereby confirmed and made valid.

SECTION 3. Any two of the corporators aforesaid may call the first meeting of said corporation by giving notice thereof in some weekly newspaper published in Portland in said State, three weeks before the day of said meeting.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect when approved.

[Approved Jan. 27, 1871.]

CONSTITUTION

As Revised and Adopted June 23, 1872..

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ART. II. The object of this Society is to extend the knowledge of God our Saviour, and to send the glorious gospel to those who are destitute of the public and stated means of religious instruction.

ART. III. This Society believe, and will endeavor to propagate, those doctrines which are called the doctrines of grace, and were the peculiar doctrines of the Reformation, and which are comprehended in the Westminister Assembly's Shorter Catechism.

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ART. IV. This Society shall be auxiliary to the American Home Missionary Society, on the conditions of the seventh and eighth articles of the Constitution, with the name and under the charter of the Maine Missionary Society.

ART. V. The payment of two dollars annually into the treasury of the Society shall constitute a member of the Society, and the payment of not less than twenty dollars shall constitute a member for life.

ART. VI. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-President, Corresponding and Recording Secretary, Treasurer, two Auditors, and fifteen Trustees, including the President and Vice-president, who shall be chosen by ballot, five of whom shall constitute a quorum. The officers shall all continue in office until others are chosen.

ART. VII. The President shall preside in the meetings of the Society, and of the Trustees, and call special meetings of the Board whenever requested by three of its members.

The Secretary shall take charge of the books and correspondence of the Society, and exhibit the records of its proceedings at each annual meeting.

The Treasurer shall have charge of the funds and property belonging to the Society, and shall present annually a full and accurate account of all receipts and disbursements. He shall also give sufficient security to the Secretary of the Society for the faithful discharge of his trust, before he enters upon the duties of his office.

The Trustees shall meet at the time and place of the annual meeting of the Society, and at such other time and place as they may direct. They may adjourn or hold special meetings, as they think proper. They shall examine, employ, and direct all missionaries, and determine the place of their location. They shall also manage and dispose of the property of the Society, and have a general superintendence over all its business. At the annual meeting they shall exhibit to the Society a particular statement of all their proceedings, and of the labors and success of their missionaries.

ART. VIII. The Society shall meet annually on the 4th Wednesday in June, at such place as they may appoint. At each annual meeting a sermon will be preached, and a collection taken up. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

ART. IX. The Constitution may be altered or amended, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting.

ART. X. The missionaries employed by this Society shall endeavor

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faithfully to promote the great interests of religion by all the means in their power, and shall make returns of their transactions to the Trustees.

ART. XI. The funds of this Society shall be raised from the annuities and life-memberships of members, and from the voluntary donations and bequests of the charitably disposed.

ART. XII. This Society will cordially unite with any other Societies for the promotion of Christian knowledge, who may be disposed to co-operate with them in their designs.

ART. XIII. The Secretary with the Treasurer shall be the duly authorized persons to convey real estate by deed when advised by the Trustees.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR AID.

Congregations asking aid from the Maine Missionary Society are requested in every case, to embody in their application the following particulars, viz:

1. The town valuation of church members, and of the church and society.
2. The name of the minister for whom a commission is desired.
3. Whether his services are sought for the whole, or a part of the time.
4. The amount of salary proposed.
5. The proportion of salary pledged by the people.
6. Whether aid is expected from any other source.
7. The least amount that will suffice from this society.
8. Certificate of the minister that previous pledges by the people for his support have been redeemed.

N. B. It is expected of churches, that they will pay for the support of preaching at least one per cent. on their taxable property before asking aid of the Maine Missionary Society.

The churches will take particular notice of the following rule, adopted by the Trustees at their annual meeting, 1867, to wit:

"That each church assisted by the Maine Missionary Society be required to make, while this assistance is continued, an annual contribution to its funds."

Form of Annual Report for Pastors of Aided Churches.

1. Names of churches and stations where you have preached during the past year, and the amount of time in each.

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2. Average congregation in good weather.
3. Number of hopeful conversions.
4. Number added to the church by profession—by letter.
5. Total number of church members.
6. Number in the weekly prayer-meetings.
7. Number in the Sabbath-schools—officers and pupils.
8. Amount contributed to the Maine Missionary Society.
9. Amount contributed to other objects.
10. What else worthy of note has occurred?

STANDING RULE.—The Missionary who makes his reports to the Secretary of the Society *quarterly*, shall be entitled to quarterly drafts on the Treasury. Those who report semi-annually, shall be entitled to semi-annual drafts. Those who fail to render an annual report on or before the first of June, shall be considered as having *forfeited their claim to their last quarterly payment*, unless a sufficient excuse be rendered.

NOTICES.

Any correspondence relating to the general interest of the Society may be directed to Rev. J. E. Adams, Secretary, Bangor, Me.

Remittances of money and communications relating to the pecuniary concerns of the Society, may be made to Joshua Maxwell, Esq., Treasurer, Portland, Me.

Aid Societies of the Woman's Missionary Auxiliary, should forward their collections to Mrs. J. L. Crosby, Treasurer, Bangor, Me.

Application for aid should be made by a committee (not by a minister) duly authorized. It is very desirable that the ministerial year should correspond with the year of the Missionary Society, which is July 1st, so that all applications for renewal of aid may be ready for the action of the Trustees at their annual meeting, held on the third Wednesday of June, each year.

Committees of churches are requested to report every particular mentioned in the form of application, as failure to answer any one of the particulars may cause inconvenience, expense and delay. Do not put against any number—"See last year." "About." "Nothing different from past year's," etc. State present facts positively.

The Trustees will not be expected to continue aid where pecuniary liabilities to the pastor are not promptly discharged. It is suggested that weekly or monthly collections at a regular Sabbath service, of the previously pledged subscriptions for the support of preaching, will insure the best results for all concerned.

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No church should fail of a generous contribution to the Maine Missionary Society in any year.

Missionary pastors should see to it that annual reports are not mere statistics, but a review of the year, embracing such important facts as may aid in preparing the annual report of the Trustees.

Form of a Bequest to the Maine Missionary Society.

I give to the MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY the sum of———————— dollars, for the purposes of said Society, and for which the receipt of the Treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge.

Some legacies have been lost to the Society through inattention to its legal name, or by neglect of making a formal bequest.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting.

The Maine Missionary Society met in the Congregational Church, Foxcroft, at 9 o'clock A. M., June 16, 1880.

The devotional exercises were conducted by the President, Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D. The annual sermon was preached by Rev. Edward Chase, of Biddeford: Text, Mark 11:7. A vote of thanks was passed for his interesting and able discourse. By a vote passed last year, the sermon is no longer to be printed.

Dea. J. S. Wheelwright read the Treasurer's report, and, on his motion, it was voted to accept, and adopt, and print. A vote of thanks was tendered the Treasurer, Joshua Maxwell, Esq., for his valuable and gratuitous services.

The Secretary read the report of the Trustees. Prayer was then offered by Prof. L. L. Paine, D. D., of Bangor Theological Seminary.

Rev. F. E. Clark, of Portland, moved, and Rev. W. P. Fisher, of Brunswick, seconded, to accept and print the Trustees' report. Remarks followed from Prof. Geo. T. Ladd, of Bowdoin College, Father Hawes, of Litchfield, Rev. I. P. Warren, D.D., Rev. S. L. Bowler, Rev. A. Blanchard, and others.

On the motion of Rev. G. S. Dickerman, it was voted to proceed to the election of officers, after taking the annual collection for the Maine Missionary Society. The collection was $58.35.

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The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year:

PRESIDENT:

REV. JOHN O. FISKE, D. D.

VICE-PRESIDENT:

JOSEPH S. WHEELWRIGHT, ESQ.

CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY:

REV. JONATHAN E. ADAMS.

TREASURER:

JOSHUA MAXWELL, ESQ.

TRUSTEES:

Rev. JOHN O. FISKE, D. D.,
J. S. WHEELWRIGHT, ESQ.,
Rev. ENOCH POND, D. D.,
Rev. STEPHEN THURSTON, D. D.,
Rev. H. F. HARDING,
Rev. P. B. THAYER,
Rev. L. L. PAINE, D. D.,
Rev. WM. H. FENN,
JOSEPH TITCOMB, ESQ.,
BARNABAS FREEMAN, ESQ.,
Rev. THOMAS G. MITCHELL,
Rev. JONA. E. ADAMS,
WM. E. GOULD, ESQ.,
Rev. GEO. S. DICKERMAN,
Rev. HENRY S. HUNTINGTON.

AUDITORS:

GEO. F. THURSTON, ESQ., CHAS. H. PAYSON, ESQ.

The next annual meeting is to be held with the Williston Church, Portland, on the third Wednesday of June, 1881.

First preacher, Rev. A. P. TINKER, Auburn; alternate, Rev. S. L. B. Speare, Bangor.

Adjourned.

Attest: J. E. ADAMS, *Recording Secretary.*

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Woman's Maine Missionary Auxiliary.

Organized at Foxcroft, June 17, 1880.

OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT:

MRS. W. E. GOULD, Portland.

VICE-PRESIDENTS:

Aroostook,	Mrs. R. S. Whidden,	Caribou.
Cumberland,	Mrs. Wm. H. Marks,	Portland.
Cumberland North,	Miss Lizzie Garcelon,	Lewiston.
Franklin,	Mrs. Mittie Wade,	Farmington.
Hancock,	Mrs. G. G. Powers,	Orland.
Kennebec,	Mrs. E. N. Smith,	Waterville.
Lincoln and Sagadahoc,	Mrs. C. H. Pope,	Thomaston.
Oxford,	Mrs. Purrington,	Bethel.
Piscataquis,	Mrs. J. B. Mayo,	Foxcroft.
Penobscot,	Mrs. A. J. Bates,	Brewer.
Somerset,	Mrs. Webster Woodbury,	Skowhegan.
Union,	Mrs. J. P. Hubbard,	Hiram.
Waldo,	Mrs. A. B. Fergurson,	Searsport.
Washington,	Miss Clara Peabody,	Princeton.
York,	Mrs. B. P. Snow,	Alfred.

TREASURER:

MRS. JOHN L. CROSBY, Bangor.

SECRETARY:

MRS. L. L. PAINE, Bangor.

The object of this Society is to arouse deeper interest among the churches in the work of the Maine Missionary Society, and to collect money for its aid.

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Seventy-third Annual Report

OF THE

Trustees of the Maine Missionary Society.

The Trustees of the Maine Missionary Society beg leave to submit the following as their Seventy-third Annual Report:

In the providence of God, no one who has been actively employed for the Society has died during the year. But we must notice a longer list than usual of those who have served the Society during some portion of their ministerial lives, and have gone to their reward since the last annual meeting.

Most will remember well the Rev. E. F. Cutter, D. D., once so constant at all such gatherings as these, a genius, a true man, a very effective speaker upon the platform and in debate, once a trustee of this Society, ever its friend, and always true to the interests of the churches of Maine, and the cause of Christ everywhere. He died at Charleston, S. C., March 27, aged 72. We pause a moment, also, to pay a tribute of respect to Rev. B. G. Snow, our island missionary, who won so many stars for his crown of rejoicing from the people he loved so well, and elevated so speedily. He was a missionary in Maine before he was a missionary in Micronesia. As we think of him at the gate of heaven, we almost seem to hear the deserved "*Well done!*" Besides these, we can only notice affectionately the names of Rev. Horatio Merrill, Rev. L. S. Coan, Rev. E. Harris, Rev. Jonas Fisk, Rev. W. A. Smith, Rev. F. P. Smith, Rev. Bennett Roberts, Rev. Charles P. Parker, Rev. Ephraim Chambers, and Rev. Asa T. Loring. We speak their praise in so far as they served the Master. "Their works do follow them." Let others enter into their labors, and reap where they have sowed.

The following table gives the names of the churches and stations to which appropriations were made during the year, the names of those commissioned to supply them, the time of service, the amount of grants, the average congregations, and other items which will be understood by reference thereto:

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TABULAR VIEW.

No.	CHURCHES.	MISSIONARIES.	DATE OF COMMISSION.	Length.	Appropriations.	Months of Labor.	Congregations.	Conversions.	ADDED. Profession.	ADDED. Letter.	Membership.	Prayer Meeting.	Sabbath School.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Maine Missionary Society.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Other Objects.
1	Abbot	A. Hadden	July 1, 1879	2⅓	$40	2⅓	60	1	0	0	28	20	40	.....	.....
2	Acton	Rev. W. S. Thompson	July 1, 1879	12	125	12	72	0	2	0	58	12	76	$34 90	$19 40
3	Albany	C. W. Bird	July 1, 1879	2⅔	44	2⅔	75	6	4	0	52	20	80	23 00	5 00
		Rev. A. L. Payson	Apr. 1, 1880	3	52	3	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....
4	Amherst and Aurora	Geo. Merrill	July 1, 1879	3¼	52	3¼	107	0	0	0	50	35	40	.....	.....
		Wm. Haynes	June 6, 1880	1	16	1	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....
5	Andover	Rev. S. W. Pearson	July 1, 1879	12	100	12	90	0	2	0	80	10	75	22 25	9 00
6	Auburn, 6th Street	Rev. L. Reynolds	July 1, 1879	12	100	12	120	2	12	1	60	18	150	10 25	10 00
7	Baldwin and Sebago	R. M. Peacock	July 1, 1879	6	100	6	200	0	0	0	44	18	35	14 67	9 00
		T. S. Williston	June 6, 1880	1	16	1	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....
8	Bangor, West	Rev. D. Greene	July 1, 1879	2¾	44	2¾	100	..	*no*	*ch*	...	20	100	10 00	.....
		J. W. Todd	June 6, 1880	1	16	1	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....
9	Bangor, East	Rev. D. Greene	July 1, 1879	..	20	..	75	0	11	0	46	25	45	.....	.....
10	Benton	Rev. A. Wiswall	Aug. 17, '79	10½	178	10½	90	0	0	2	56	20	70	7 07	.....
11	Biddeford, 1st	H. A. Freeman	July 1, 1879	12	200	12	68	0	0	0	44	15	50	12 00	.....
12	Brownfield	Rev. E. S. Jordan	July 1, 1879	12	150	12	100	0	1	0	53	40	60	31 00	.....
13	Burlington	E. M. Cousins	July 1, 1879	4¼	68	4¼	60	0	1	0	29	20	74	.....	.....
		A. E. Armstrong	June 6, 1880	1	16	1	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....
14	Caribou	Rev. R. S. Whidden	July 1, 1879	12	300	12	100	10	1	6	33	50	100	2 33	.....
15	Deer Isle, North	Rev. A. L. Payson	July 1, 1879	3	48	3	60	0	0	0	30	33	35	.....	9 00
16	Denmark	C. W. Shelton	July 1, 1879	3⅓	56	3⅓	160	0	5	0	45	25	25	.....	.....
17	Dexter	Rev. J. S. Richards	July 1, 1879	12	200	12	68	0	7	0	54	25	65	12 00	3 00

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18	Eastport	Rev. J. W. Kelley	July 1, 1879	12	100	12	75	0	1	1	99	25	60	11 52	38 00
19	Edgecomb	Rev. H. H. Hutchinson	July 1, 1879	12	200	12	75	0	0	0	90	30	40	19 12	.....
20	Elliot	Rev. D. L. Hibbard	July 1, 1879	3	50	3	80	0	0	0	53	25	50	.....	.....
21	Farmington Falls	Rev. C. L. Rotch	July 1, 1879	12	75	12	125	6	0	0	30	25	60	6 75	36 00
22	Fort Fairfield	Rev. C. N. Sinnett	July 1, 1879	6	300	12	120	3	2	0	60	25	120	27 00	.....
		Rev. J. B. Wheelwright	July 1, 1879	6	....	..	....	..	..	..	....	....	....	.....	.....
23	Frankfort	R. G. Woodbridge	July 1, 1879	2¾	44	2¾	125	6	0	0	30	30	65	.....	.....
24	Freedom and Thorndike	A. J. Rackliff	July 1, 1879	2¾	44	2¾	135	1	0	0	34	16	42	10 00	10 00
		W. E. Archibald	June 6, 1880	1	16	1	....	..	..	..	....	....	..	9 50	.....
25	Garland	Rev. P. B. Thayer	July 1, 1879	12	100	12	125	0	2	0	101	20	112	46 00	72 00
26	Gilead	Rev. T. P. Williams	July 1, 1879	12	100	12	90	7	11	2	30	50	46	18 00	.....
27	Gray	Rev. E. Bean	July 1, 1879	12	100	12	116	0	0	0	73	20	62	38 00	5 00
28	Greenville	Rev. C. Davison	July 1, 1879	12	200	9	100	12	0	0	46	50	80	43 00	102 00
29	Harrison	Rev. N. Lincoln	July 1, 1879	12	75	12	70	2	2	2	47	20	60	8 25	5 00
30	Holden and Dedham	Rev. E. C. Crane	July 1, 1879	12	150	12	75	1	3	0	70	25	100	12 25	8 25
				..	....	..	60	0	..	..	56	...	65	5 00	.....
31	Houlton	Rev. Z. Crowell	July 1, 1879	12	300	12	133	3	0	0	50	20	140	10 00	32 00
32	Industry and New Vineyard	J. Backus	July 1, 1879	3	36	3	40	0	0	0	36	...	50	.....	.....
		F. A. Balcom	May 23, '80	1¼	20	1¼	....	.	0	0	19	15	40	5 00	.....
33	Isle au Haut	J. Pierce	July 1, 1879	1¾	28	1¾	50	0	0	0	12	20	30	.....	.....
34	Jonesport	Rev. G. E. Chapin	July 1, 1879	12	200	12	75	0	1	2	46	20	100	.....	.....
35	Kittery	Rev. T. N. Lord	July 1, 1879	12	100	10	60	0	0	0	34	19	54	18 00	.....
		Rev. A. R. Plummer	.....	..	....	..	....	..	..	..	....	....	....	.....	.....
36	Lincoln	A. L. De Long	July 1, 1879	3	48	3	112	0	1	4	24	20	25	.....	.....
37	Limerick	Rev. D. L. Jones	July 1, 1879	12	150	12	130	3	1	7	72	20	60	14 00	.....
38	Litchfield	Rev. J. T. Hawes	July 1, 1879	12	150	12	70	0	2	0	61	25	40	20 00	29 00
39	Lovell and Sweden	Rev. L. Goodrich	July 1, 1879	12	100	12	85	0	4	1	128	12	100	33 96	1 00
		.....	.....	..	....	..	40	0	0	0	36	...	...	12 24	8 00
40	Machiasport	W. Rand	June 6, 1880	1	16	1	100	0	7	0	66	36	125	49 87	32 00
41	Madison	Rev. T. G. Mitchell	July 1, 1879	12	100	12	75	0	0	0	75	12	50	26 00	15 00

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No.	CHURCHES.	MISSIONARIES.	DATE OF COMMISSION.	Length.	Appropriations.	Months of Labor.	Congregations.	Conversions.	ADDED. Profession.	ADDED. Letter.	Membership.	Prayer Meeting.	Sabbath School.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Maine Missionary Society.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Other Objects.
42	Medway	R. W. Jamison	July 1, 1879	2¾	44	2¾	60	0	*no*	*ch*	...	20	40	.....	.....
43	Mercer and Temple	F. G. Chutter	July 1, 1879	12	100	12	130	0	0	0	33	12	50	8 00	.....
				..	....	..	100	12	0	0	70	...	75	15 00	9 00
44	Minot Centre	J. B. Carruthers	July 1, 1879	2¾	44	2¾	85	1	0	0	111	60	50	20 26	42 00
45	Monmouth	C. E. Andrews	July 1, 1879	2	32	2	75	20	0	0	41	20	60	33 00	.....
46	Monson and Abbot	Rev. G. W. Jones	July 1, 1879	12	200	12	125	12	6	1	100	22	75	41 00	57 00
				..	....	..	30	0	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....
47	Naples	W. E. Archibald	July 1, 1879	2¾	44	2¾	75	0	0	0	28	20	35	7 00	5 00
48	Newfield and Parsonsfield	Rev. J. Edwards	July 1, 1879	12	125	12	100	0	0	2	31	20	50	12 50	10 00
				..	....	..	40	0	0	0	9	..	20	.....	.....
49	Northfield	J. A. Loose	July 1, 1879	3	36	3	80	3	0	3	20	30	40	.....	12 00
		J. E. Tuttle	May 16, '80	1¾	28	1¾	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....
50	Norway, 1st	George Allchin	July 1, 1879	2¾	44	2¾	80	1	0	0	38	15	75	11 50	.....
51	Oldtown and Milford	Rev. A. Blanchard	July 1, 1879	2	....	2	125	0	7	2	80	30	75	64 00	7 00
				..	....	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	20 00	.....
52	Patten and	G. W. Reynolds	July 1, 1879	3	48	3	75	1	5	0	46	25	50	15 00	15 00
	Island Falls	Rev. C. N. Sinnett	Jan. 1, 1880	6	150	6	60	..	13	3	33	15	42	10 00	.....
53	Pembroke	Rev. S. Vincent	July 1, 1879	12	175	3	75	2	0	0	19	15	25	6 72	.....
54	Perry	S. Smith	July 1, 1879	12	150	3½	120	0	0	0	68	40	60	10 00	.....
55	Pownal and Durham	Rev. R. Wickett	July 1, 1879	12	150	12	80	2	0	0	57	30	70	8 00	3 00
				..	....	..	70	0	3	0	29	25	55	4 45	.....
56	Princeton and Waite	E. W. Oakley	July 1, 1879	12	200	10	100	7	2	2	76	30	130	25 00	.....

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57	Rangeley	Rev. J. B. Wheelwright	July 1, 1879	12	100	6	160	no	ch	..	..	...	...	9 00	.....			
58	Robbinston and	C. E. Andrews	June 6, 1880	1	16	1	100	0	0	0	79	...	40	10 00	8 00			
	Red Beach						100	br	an	ch	...	...	...	12 00	....			
59	Rumford	S. A. Burnaby	July 1, 1879	3	48	3	100	0	0	0	17	16	40	.....	.....			
60	Pittston	Rev. D. L. Davis	July 1, 1879	12	190	12	95	4	0	2	19	40	60	8 21	.....			
61	Sanford and So. Sanford	Rev. H. J. Stone	July 1, 1879	12	150	12	125	0	0	0	43	8	100	5 00	6 00			
							....	..	..	..	27	...	25	5 00	.....			
62	Sherman and	Rev. W. A. Merrill	July 1, 1879	12	350	12	100	3	10	1	108	25	200	9 25	3 00			
	Silver Ridge						....	br	an	ch	...	...	...	.....	.....			
63	Solon	Rev. J. W. Brownville	July 1, 1879	9	175	9	70	0	0	0	31	10	50	10 00	56 00			
	Athens						75	0	0	0	33	...	50	.....	.....			
	No. New Portland and	R. M. Peacock	May 9, 1880	..	..	..	50	0	0	0	12	...	...	.....	.....			
	Bingham			2	37½	2	115	0	0	0	51	...	52	.....	.....			
64	Somesville and Tremont	Rev. A. N. Jones	July 1, 1879	12	200	12	100	3	1	3	25	40	60	12 50	8 00			
							100	0	0	0	74	60	30	14 25	.....			
65	Standish	Rev. J. P. Trowbridge	July 1, 1879	12	100	12	60	1	0	1	38	15	46	17 00	25 00			
66	Stow and Chatham	Rev. I. H. Libby	July 1, 1879	12	75	12	50	0	0	0	27	15	30	2 00	.....			
67	Strong	Rev. J. L. Pratt	July 1, 1879	12	150	12	100	6	0	0	92	15	111	4 00	16 00			
68	Turner	Rev. E. S. Tingley	July 1, 1879	12	100	12	111	0	5	1	97	12	80	12 50	26 00			
69	Union and Appleton	Rev. F. V. Norcross	July 1, 1879	12	150	12	125	2	0	1	85	40	144	31 00	85 00			
							50	..	..	..	...	...	..	.....	.....			
70	Weld	Rev. H. Farrar	Oct. 1, 1879	9	94	9	42	0	0	0	46	20	47	25 83	14 71			
71	Whiting	Rev. J. I. Jones	July 1, 1879	2¾	44	2¾	100	0	0	0	26	25	60	.....	.....			
		R. W. Jamison	June 6, 1880	1	16	1	....	..	..	..	...	...	...	.....	.....			
72	Wilton	Rev. U. W. Small	July 1, 1879	12	150	12	75	6	0	0	89	15	50	60 00	41 13			
73	Windham	Rev. L. Wiswall	July 1, 1879	12	50	12	75	2	1	1	61	25	35	45 00	13 00			
74	Woolwich	Rev. H. O. Thayer	July 1, 1879	12	100	12	150	0	19	4	109	40	121	22 16	27 00			
75	York, 2d	Rev. J. Freeman	July 1, 1879	12	100	12	75	0	0	0	45	20	65	14 00	13 00			
						52½ yrs	7,943	151	155	55	4,363	1,856	5,469	$1,262.06	$959.49			

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REMARKS.

1. Abbot. Since September, the pastor at Monson has supplied a part of the time. There is need of constant work here to secure the best results.

2. Acton. The pastor and people have shown commendable zeal in strengthening the things that remain. They always remember the benevolent contributions.

6. Auburn, 6th Street. The pastor supplies Minot Centre each Sabbath afternoon, and the arrangement is very satisfactory.

7. Baldwin and Sebago. For five months of the year this circuit has been unsupplied. Mr. Williston, of the last graduating class at Bangor, is now on the ground.

10. Benton. A very pleasant state of things exists here. The people are united in their pastor, who was ordained early in the year, and the good work prospers.

11. Biddeford First. Mr. Freeman has worked the field vigorously and faithfully for two whole years; but not a single addition to the church is reported for this time. He feels that it is best to leave the field for some other.

12. Brownfield. The pastor speaks of the lessening of the church from absence and death, and the probable diminution of the usual audience by the opening of meetings in another church; and of the lessening of salary for the same reason.

13. Burlington. The people are trying to finish their meeting-house. Mr. Armstrong, from Bangor Seminary, is supplying at the present. Our feeling is that Lincoln and Burlington should unite upon a pastor.

14. Caribou. A pastor has been ordained. Seven members have been added to the church and there is prospect of growth.

15. Deer Isle, North. This church is now supplied by Rev. A. E. Ives, of Castine, and they are fortunate indeed.

16. Denmark. A supply might come from Brownfield. Mr. Shelton, from New Haven Seminary, is here for the summer.

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17. DEXTER. Seven additions to the church are reported. The pastor writes, "The new edifice has been completed, but is in debt about $1,500.00. No money can be raised for finishing pulpit cushions and carpets, and the indebtedness hangs like a pall over the people, discouraging their hearts, and paralizing their efforts. But the church is brave and full of faith, and are just now holding on, and praying. May God send relief and still allow this brave little band to long remain laboring together for him."

18. EASTPORT. The meeting-house has been carpeted, and repainted within. There is no renewal of application for aid.

19. EDGECOMB. The people feel the need of their meeting-house. They are exerting themselves to the utmost, and friends are offering some assistance.

21. FARMINGTON FALLS. A good work has been begun here. During the year, a beautiful meeting-house, with convenient basement rooms, has been finished and dedicated,—a pastor has been settled in connection with the New Sharon church, the Sabbath-school is flourishing, and prayer-meetings are well sustained, and they have a service *every* Sabbath instead of once in two weeks.—Six conversions are reported, and all are encouraged to go forward.

22. FORT FAIRFIELD. A troublesome debt on the meeting-house has been reduced, and they hope to report the debt paid before long. Mr. Sinnett has gone to Patten and Island Falls, and Mr. Wheelwright has supplied with acceptance since January 1st.

23. FRANKFORT, is supplied again from Winterport, by Mr. M. Blanchard, who is under a call to settle as pastor.

24. FREEDOM. This church has not been supplied since September. There is a community here, which, in connection with Thorndike, ought to have a permanent ministry.—Mr. Archibald, of Bangor Seminary, will supply for the summer.

25. GARLAND. Their pastor was never doing better work than at the present.

26. GILEAD. Mr. Williams has been ordained in connection with Shelburne, N. H., and the state of matters is encouraging—seven conversions are reported, and thirteen additions to the church.

27. GRAY. The pastor speaks of discouragement. Some good men have moved away, and some have died; there are several religious services at the same time, while the community is small. Still it is felt best to press forward.

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28. GREENVILLE. Of this church it can be said "Well done." We were notified that the people assumed self support from the 1st of April. Of course a missionary church which is trained to benevolent giving will come to self support.

29. HARRISON. This little band has been weakened in various ways. But it is important that it be helped, both for its own sake, and for the sake of North Bridgton, with which it is yoked.

30. HOLDEN AND DEDHAM. Good work has been done in this field. Rev. E. C. Crane, who has supplied for two years, has been ordained, and he will continue with them. A neighborhood meeting with a Sunday-school has been established at a point between the preaching stations.

31. HOULTON. It has been a time of trial to this earnest band of workers, that several of their working members have felt it to be duty to remove from the place. Their presence is missed, but others promise to take their places. The pews of the church are well rented, but this church must be aided yet longer.

34. JONESPORT. Mr. Chapin has been ordained, and good work has been accomplished. He has supplied quite regularly at out stations: but next year it is proposed that he supply Jonesboro one-half the time. This latter church has been dropped from the Minutes since 1872; but a few members still live, and there is hope that it will revive.

35. KITTERY. Rev. T. A. Lord supplied four months of the year for which he was commissioned, when Rev. A. R. Plumer took the work and supplied for six months.

37. LIMERICK. Some progress is noted here. There have been nine additions to the church. A vestry has been completed, a parsonage has been built, $900 has been paid upon them, and $700 to be paid next year, will put them free from debt.

38. LITCHFIELD. The veteran Father Hawes still does the pastoral and ministerial work for this place.

39. LOVELL AND SWEDEN. Here are three places of worship, and two churches. A good interest is manifest. Five additions to the Lovell church are reported.

41. MADISON. The report is in a vein of discouragement.

43. MERCER AND TEMPLE. These places have been worked together this year. Mr. Chutter will continue at Mercer, and Temple will go with Wilton.

44. MINOT CENTRE: was supplied last summer by Mr. J. B. Carruthers, from the Bangor Seminary. Since that time they have been served by

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Rev. L. Reynolds, of Auburn 6th street, and the expectation is to continue the present arrangement.

45. MONMOUTH: has been blessed with a good interest, and twenty conversions are reported. Since the report, twenty-two have been received to the church,—fourteen by profession and eight by letter. Things are encouraging there.

48. NEWFIELD AND PARSONSFIELD. By an arrangement, Parsonsfield will unite with others on the ground, for a year or two, as these have united with them for the past. The pastor now supplies East Parsonsfield, and perhaps a church will be organized. Two hundred dollars were expended on repairs upon the meeting-house. They mourn the loss by death of a leader, Hon. Samuel C. Adams.

51. OLDTOWN: is hoping for a pastor soon. They have been supplied by Mr. Bumpus, a resident there, for several months.

52. PATTEN AND ISLAND FALLS: were supplied last summer by Mr. Reynolds, of New Haven. In addition, Mr. Merrill, of Sherman, continued his quarter of the time till Jan. 1, 1880, at Island Falls, when Mr. Sinnett was transferred from Fort Fairfield to Patten and Island Falls. There has been a grand advance at Island Falls, and Patten is promising well.

53 and 54. PEMBROKE AND PERRY. Both pastors left these churches early in the year. Since that they have united in calling Mr. J. B. Carruthers, of the last class in Bangor Seminary, and he will be ordained soon. This union promises well, and they are fortunate in securing so promising a man.

55. POWNAL AND DURHAM. The effort to supply these places by one pastor has been a success, and Mr. Wickett is engaged for another year, at a reduction of missionary aid.

56. PRINCETON AND WAITE. Mr. Oakley, who supplied here for most of the year, has left, and Mr. McLeod, of Bangor Seminary, is now upon the ground. The clerk says, "The weekly envelope system works well with us."

57. RANGELY: was supplied by Mr. Wheelwright till Christmas, when he was sent to Fort Fairfield, where he now labors.

59. RUMFORD: was supplied by Mr. S. A. Burnaby last summer, and he will return there for this summer.

60. PITTSTON. There had been no congregational preaching here for several years. During the past year, Rev. D. L. Davis has been ordained there, and is doing good work.

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61. Sanford and South Sanford. A pastor has been ordained. A meeting-house, in the place of the one burned two years ago, has been finished, and dedicated, free from debt, with a bell, the gift of Mrs. Stone, of Malden, Mass., and a clock has been put on by the citizens. It is a beautiful and convenient house for worship. These churches unite, as they should, in the support of preaching, but the amount raised by them seems very small indeed. There are people enough to support one minister, as there is but one on the whole ground. The pastor says, "The people have been made to understand in the past that money was the chief thing sought for." So he thinks he can get on well by not asking for a support, and they are encouraged *not* to give. This principle is wrong we fear.

62. Sherman and Silver Ridge. This is a broad territory, and there is no great wealth with the people. Their pastor has been faithful and laborious, and successful in spiritual results, but it does not improve financially.

63. Solon, Athens, North New Portland and Bingham. The supply for the last two years undertook too much, in trying to cover too much ground. He could not do so much well. He has left the field, and now Solon and Bingham form the union, and Mr. R. M. Peacock is laboring there.

64. Somesville and Tremont. This is a very important and interesting field, only it is too large for one man to work successfully. There is a movement to build a meeting-house at South West Harbor, and a chapel at another point.

65. Standish. Their pastor still remains, though he was expecting to leave the State a few months since.

66. Stow and Chatham. Their pastor has been dismissed, and they are now supplied by a student from Yale.

67. Strong. No special change is noticed here.

68. Turner. Six additions to the church are reported, and the pastor is desired to remain longer.

69. Union. The pastor still continues to supply at Appleton, where there is a growing interest under the regular preaching of the Word.

72. Wilton. Six conversions are reported here, and there is the usual interest in religious work. The pastor is about to leave.

73. Windham: is still supplied by their long continued and revered pastor.

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74. Woolwich. The report gives an addition of twenty-three to the numbers of the church.

75. York Second. The church and people are still united upon their pastor, and desire that he be continued.

THE WORK OF THE GENERAL MISSIONARY.

Mr. Blanchard reports as follows:—"After a vacation of two weeks following the last Conference, I supplied Oldtown and Milford two months. Then the time was occupied, for three months in visiting the larger churches in the interest of the Maine Missionary Society, closing Dec. 15th. A series of meetings, for ten days, including two Sabbaths, was held in Milford, and meetings in Brownville were continued twenty-two days, including four Sabbaths. The next month was spent in Aroostook County, including one week at Fort Fairfield, a week or more at Presque Isle and Maysville, and a few days at Houlton. I spent seventeen days at Foxcroft, and three weeks at Greenville in Piscataquis County; and in Washington County, one week at Machiasport, one week at Jonesboro, a few days at Whitneyville, two weeks at Pembroke and Perry, arranging for the pastorate, and ten days at Princeton on the same errand. Two Sabbaths were spent at St. John, and the amount received for preaching there was put into the treasury of the Society. The last two Sabbaths have been spent in Abbot.

"Number of sermons preached, one hundred and ninety-five; number of missionary addresses, fifty-one; number of prayer-meetings held, forty-six; funerals conducted, seven; communion services, eight; Bible classes and teachers' meetings, twenty; total number of services, three hundred and twenty-seven. Number of churches visited, sixty; number of places in which missionary addresses were made, forty-four; Conferences attended, five; baptized, three; received to the church, three; revival services were held in several places, and especial mention may be made of the work of grace in Brownville and in Greenville. In both of these places the church was evidently quickened and encouraged, and a goodly number were hopefully converted. The work of the missionary at these places was used at an opportune time, simply to supplement the labors of the faithful pastors. But he has not been engaged so largely in revival work this year as during the preceding year, nor has he been called to follow up the revival work of others as before. This accounts for the fact that so few have been baptized and received to the church by him.

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Some interesting revivals, however, have been enjoyed in various places, and the results, in part, have been gathered by the pastors.

Salary of the missionary	$1,000.00	
Traveling expenses	110.00	
		$1,110.00
Received from pledges made at Winthrop	$732.00	
Received in the field	166.55	
	$898.55	
Due from pledges	$ 68.00	
Due from Society	143.45	
		$1,110.00

The General Missionary has been to us a most helpful and effective fellow-worker in the Maine Missionary fields and it would be a great blessing to the cause could he be retained. He has received a call to the pastorate, which he feels disposed to accept. The same work should be continued in some form, and wisdom is necessary to direct as to what and how much it shall be.

SUMMARY.

The fields occupied by the men under commission, during the year, have been seventy-five, comprising eighty-six churches, and six stations where there are no churches. Numerous district meetings were quite regularly maintained from many of these centers, which do not appear in the concise report. The number of missionaries has been eighty, of whom fifty were ordained men and thirty licentiates. These men have fifty-two and one-half years of service, have preached the Word to an average of 7,934 hearers each Sabbath, and have gathered under Sabbath-school instruction 5,469 children and adults. Forty have remained at their post for the entire year. Of these, one has come to his thirty-second year with the same people, one to his twenty-ninth, one to his twenty-sixth, one to his twentieth, one to his fifteenth, one to his twelfth, and two each to his eleventh year of service in the same place. Here are examples of missionary permanence. Nine have served from six to ten months, and thirty-one for terms less than six months. With a membership of 4,363, an average of 1,850 have gathered in the week-day prayer-meeting. The number of hopeful conversions reported is one hundred and fifty-one. The number added to the several churches as reported from June 1st, 1879, to May 1st, 1880, has been, by profession,

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one hundred and fifty-five; by letter, fifty-five; in all, two hundred and ten. Seven pastors have been ordained, five of whom were from Bangor Seminary, and one from Boston University, and one who had been laboring in the place for two years, all of whom expect to continue with their chosen people. The average grant to churches which have constant supply is $130, and the average salary for the pastors is $550, generally exclusive of parsonage or rent. The amount contributed to the Maine Missionary Society by the aided churches is $1,262.06, which is an average of at least fifty cents to each resident member. $959.49 have been given to other objects.

It is worthy of note that several have taken themselves from the list of aided churches during the year; but this has been accomplished mainly by various unions. East Orrington joined with Brewer Village under Rev. C. S. Sargent who has been ordained as their pastor. Mechanic Falls and Oxford united under Rev. F. E. Emrich. Perry and Pembroke promise to be self-supporting under Mr. J. B. Carruthers, who has received a call to become their pastor. Greenville, a gem of a missionary church, declared itself free from the Society on the 1st day of April, and others are hoping that their day of deliverance is at hand.

THE TREASURY

has been in trying circumstances during all the year. At the time of the last annual meeting there was reported a deficit of $3,150, with $3,000 becoming due July 1st, for services already rendered. We all remember how dark was the outlook, and what fear troubled our deliberations for the future welfare of the missionary work in Maine.

Retrenchment was undertaken by the trustees in every possible direction. Something was taken from the salary of the Secretary, and a part from many of the appropriations, which is, being interpreted, a reduction by so much of the meager missionary salary. Churches were advised to unite, and thus relieve the Society from a part, or the whole, of their usual appropriations. Fewer students were commissioned, and so the work was reduced to the lowest possible figures. You may be assured this was a work of repression and not of elation; and but for the cordial and self-sacrificing acceptance of the position by the pastors, it would have proved disastrous. Some of these men have verified their call to the ministry of suffering. Last year the amount of appropriations for the field work was $12,686, while this year it has been but $8,699, a difference of nearly $4,000.

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At the last anniversary the question was raised, "What can be done to increase the interest of the churches in the work of the Society, so as to secure larger contributions to its treasury?" Early in the year the effort was begun to secure its result. The Secretary and General Missionary, under the sanction of the trustees, and with their hearty co-operation and assistance when possible, entered upon a general canvass of the larger churches. This was pressed vigorously till Dec. 25th, after which the Secretary reached as many points as possible for Sabbath services, while not entirely neglecting the necessary work of supervision. The General Missionary made fifty-one addresses, and the Secretary visited forty-eight churches, and preached or spoke for Maine Missionary Society in seventy-five services.

The result has been satisfactory in the main, and it is hoped that the interest manifested by the churches at home will continue to bear fruit. It has been necessary also to resort to appeals and circulars, and even to an extra Mirror, which was edited by the Moderator of the Conference, and sent broadcast throughout the churches. An effort was made also to bring the women of the churches into closer sympathy, and more systematic effort, of which we will speak in another place. The amount of legacies received for the year has been unusally small. So the task of paying the debt by contraction of grants, and by actual contributions, has been exceedingly severe. None but those immediately engaged in the administration of the work can appreciate the strain. Sometimes it has been like the making of brick without straw. But the receipts of late show a growing interest, and a better purpose. In our last report, seventy-four churches appear as having given nothing to the Society for a year at least. Now we have to report only fifty such delinquents.

You see the condition. The matter is left with the friends of Congregationalism, and of religious progress in Maine. Shall we drop our end of the yoke when all evangelical Christians are needed to draw together in the mighty task of redeeming this commonwealth from sin, and for Christ our Lord? Where is your faith? Where are your works? See to this! The trustees will feel obliged to act upon the basis of probable contributions, and then extend their work from year to year, as they may have the avails of donations and legacies actually on hand. "What shall the harvest be?"

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LADIES' CENT SOCIETIES.

About twenty or thirty of these old-time auxiliaries to the Maine Missionary Society have reported each year, quite regularly, to the treasury. In looking up their history, we find they have existed for many years; and in most of the places the general contributions were larger than with the corresponding churches where no such society existed. This fact led to the thought that these helpers might be increased in some form. Acting upon this, an effort has been made to organize a society in those places where no cent society existed, and to secure a change of name for the sake of conformity, or the co-operation at least of the old societies,—that systematic giving for the home work might be attained.

Since September last, forty or more societies have been formed, under the title of Woman's Missionary Society—their dues to be collected monthly by envelopes, which were furnished them for the formation. Usually the amount subscribed has been five cents a month, or sixty cents a year, but the amount was left optional, that any who could not give this might give a less amount, even to one cent a month.

So far as can be judged, this movement has been well received, and promises success, especially in places where no systematic effort in giving has been introduced; and even here, it can easily be made a part of the general plan. Whoever will take pains to notice the receipts of the society since December, will find frequent credits to the various Woman's Societies.

Some of the good ladies are so interested in this work, that a constitution with suggestions has been printed, preparatory to the formation of a state society, and county aids and church societies. We hope that these movers will be encouraged in this work. The old societies can unite in substantial form, while they are left to do the work in their own way. We hope it will be understood distinctly that this movement is not designed to conflict with the Woman's Board in any way; but that we feel moved to adopt their successful form for our home missionary collections. Of course nothing can hinder co-operation in these societies, as every Christian ought to do something for both Foreign and Home Missions. Suppose each one of the fourteen hundred resident female members should tax herself one dollar a year for Home and Foreign Missions, and divide the amount, there would be $7,000 for each department; and dare any one say that these women of our churches cannot consecrate one dollar each, a year, to the cause of missions? In

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the working of these societies there need be no conflict. The machinery of the home society is to be very simple, while securing effective system. The officers and active members will be sought from those who have not the burden of the foreign work upon their hands. Thus all the forces of the church can be brought into active requisition, and greater good be done. If any dream that systematic effort for Home Missions will interfere with systematic effort for Foreign Missions, they will wake some day to find that Foreign Missions have languished because of neglect of the Home work. These interests are "one and inseparable." Let there be the most hearty mutual co-operation, that so the great and aggressive missionary efforts of the times may combine to hasten the hour when the gospel may be preached in all the nations of the earth!

FIELD WORK.

The usual amount of work has been done by those who have had charges. The preaching has been faithful and abundant—extra efforts have been put forth in the proper season, and doubtless genuine faith has been exercised. But the apparent result is not what might have been expected. Perhaps the revival of business, which has called the general attention to business pursuits, and held it there, has had the effect noticed. But the great bane has been, a bitter political excitement, which, for a time, pervaded every ward in the cities, and every district in the towns, and almost every individual everywhere in the state. Were all men honest in their political enthusiasm, it would not necessarily interfere with their religious zeal or usefulness. But such a state of affairs as existed last year, is not favorable for religious advance. This was distinctly marked in the case of efforts to promote revivals. Some of the most judicious evangelists labored for weeks where the attendance was good, and the promise was equal to the past; but the meetings closed with scarcely a conversion. One pastor writes in his report: "The Y. M. C. A. delegates commenced union services Nov. 24th, which were continued more or less frequently till near the close of the year * * * * They labored most faithfully * * * * and others worked earnestly with them. The work here did not seem to result in many conversions, though in other times their labors have been abundantly blessed."

The same may be said in regard to the earnest efforts of our state missionary. No very extended revivals have followed. But who can reckon the amount of oil that has been poured upon the troubled waters;

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and how many souls, in the perilous times when men's hearts failed them from fear, were saved from shipwreck by the quiet efforts of good men, and among them of our devoted missionary, as well as our hopeful and helpful missionary pastors? We must wait for eternity to reveal whether the past year has been less prosperous than other years. Certainly the workmen have held on their way through evil as well as good report.

BRANCH CHURCHES.

We notice with interest that many of our pastors have a mind to extend their influence and usefulness by going beyond the limits of their parishes proper, and establishing out stations. There is a new settlement, or a neglected neighborhood, where no other cares to come for mere pioneer work. Of course these people are hungry for the truth, though they may not understand the craving, and they will come instinctively to be fed, when the table is spread for them. Soon there springs up a religious interest, and conversions follow. What can be done for them? Shall they be left to wander without the fold? There is a better, a natural, and it seems to us, a necessary way. Let a *branch* be organized to be under the watch and care of the central church, till such time as it can go alone. There is such a branch to the Sherman church at Silver Ridge, to the Baldwin and Sebago church at Sandy Beach, to the Calais church at Red Beach, to the Cherryfield church at Steuben, and perhaps others.

The advantage is this: These branches become feeders and helpers to the main body, and in some instances they become churches themselves, and centers for extended work. A few years since, Jonesport was a branch to the Machias church. Now it is a church proper and has a pastor who extends his labors to Jonesboro. In case of considerable growth, the two—the missionary church and the branch—will become self-supporting. We recommend to our pastors to scan their fields carefully, to make plans for just such work, and to press persistently toward the result. Do not be out done by others of any name, in seeking the destitute and lifting them into a better life. Let your motto be to them: "Come with us, and we will do you good."

OUR SCHOOLS.

Do not let us overlook the Classical School at Hallowell, the College at Brunswick, and the Theological Seminary at Bangor. They are each

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and all necessary for our church work within the State. Our missionaries must be trained in these schools, and to them do we look for men skilled so as rightly to divide the word of life. At the late anniversary of the Bangor Seminary, it was stated that ninety-three of the one hundred and thirty-eight ministers of Maine were educated at Bangor; and Bowdoin College is well and honorably represented in this list, while there is scarcely one of college training in the missionary fields, who does not hail from Bowdoin. The Classical School also begins to make itself felt, for already it is represented at the Theological Seminary. It is only necessary for us here to recommend these institutions as worthy of your sympathy, and prayers, and contributions. Their work is by no means done. They need more funds, as they enlarge their curriculum, and increase their educational advantages. Let Maine men patronize and foster their own schools, and the reward will be abundant and satisfactory.

THE AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

We cannot close without noticing our National Society. Its work and its prospects will be appreciated by the following items from its last annual report:

"The number of ministers of the gospel in the service of the Society, in thirty-three different states and territories, has been 1,015. The number of congregations and missionary stations supplied in whole or in part, 2,308. Eighty-six churches have been organized, and forty-four have become self-supporting. Seventy-six houses of worship have been completed, one hundred and seven materially repaired, and seventeen others are in process of erection. Three hundred and ninety-nine missionaries report 3,200 hopeful conversions. Additions reported are 5,598 —2,940 on profession, and 2,658 by letter. The receipts amount to $266,720.41, and the expenditures to $259,709.86, leaving $3,433,22 still due for labor performed."

The report speaks of a decided advance on the preceding year, and yet the work is not done—is only just begun. Our wide domain is filling up with a mixed foreign population. It is predicted that not less than half a million will come from Europe alone during the present year. In the words of the report:

"They come in their physical strength and their moral weakness; they come to stamp their impress on us—their Romanism, their atheism, their religion of absolute unreligion, their wild theories of liberty, their distempered reactions against wholesome law, divine or human. * * * The Society must follow them—must *accompany* them, rather, as they go. * * * There is no time for delay! Is the church ready? Are

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our supporters ready? * * Our resources must be doubled, trebled, if this work shall be done."

The report closes with the following pathetic declarations and appeal:

"We are burdened beyond the power of expression. We are compelled to lay over our burden upon the people of God, upon the church of Christ in this land. No language can express what we feel or what we clearly discern as to the present moral dangers of our country, and the call of God upon His people to arise and save it. In the name of that God who has so often been our helper, in the name of His adorable Son, our Blessed Lord, and in the name of all that His children have ever held dear in this world, or died for in the next, we make this appeal for such a reinforcement in devoted men and consecrated offerings, that we may go up and possess the land, and sanctify its people!" "Thus shall they know that I, the Lord their God, am with them, and that they are my people, saith the Lord God!"

These words express our own feelings and desires in regard to our special position in Maine to-day. The same burden is upon all who in Providence are called to care for the missionary work in any of its departments. Often they cast their care upon God, and often they seek to lay it over upon the people of God, and upon the church of Christ. God hasten the time when their prayers shall be heard, and their longings shall be realized, and the State of Maine shall be so completely redeemed as to come into line with other New England states which are forwarding large contributions to the National Society and the wider field.

The time must come when our treasury will overflow largely into the general treasury, and when the churches of Maine shall be anxious to reap the reflex influence which is already enjoyed by some of our sister auxiliary societies.

"There is that scattereth and yet increaseth * * * and he that watereth shall be watered also himself."

LAST WORDS.

Pray much for missions, work faithfully in them, give liberally to them, expect great results from them, trust God for assistance, and wait for the personal reward which is in store for "that servant whom his Lord when he cometh shall find so doing."

In behalf of the Trustees,

J. E. ADAMS, *Secretary.*

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TREASURER'S

JOSHUA MAXWELL IN ACCOUNT

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1879–80.

1879.			
June—To Balance on hand			$335 61
" Income from Permanent Fund:			
Canal Bank $260; Casco Bank, $200	$ 460 00		
Traders Bank, $80; State Bank $45	125 00		
Medomac Bank, $12; P. S. & P. R. R., $18	30 00		
Caldwell Note, $35; Bath 6's, $180	215 00		
Portland 6's, $60; St. Louis 6's, $60	120 00		
Payson Memorial Church 7's	35 00		
To Income Sewall Fund	330 00		
" " Thornton Estate	54 00		
" " Fifield Estate	40 18		
" " Eldridge Estate	5 25		
" " Saco Savings Bank Book	30 60		
" J. E. Adams, Preaching	51 50		
" Church Collections, Donations, Life Memberships, Annuities, &c.	8598 79		
To Legacies:			
Balance from Dea. Samuel Adams Estate	1000 00		
Dea. James Scales of Wilton	75 00		
Additional from Estate Deacon Calvin Starrett.	100 00		
Mrs. Olive S. K. Ward, Saco	225 00		
Mrs. L. W. Maxwell—annual	6 00		
To Joseph Sweetser, Malden, Mass.	100 00		
" Payson Memorial Church Bond	500 00		
" Loan—J. Maxwell	750 00		
			12851 32
			$13186 33

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REPORT.

WITH THE MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY. *Cr.*

By paid Missionaries on Trustees' orders		$ 10066 85	
" " Rev. J. E. Adams		1708 29	
" " Mrs. Sewall, income Sewall Fund		330 00	
" " Mrs. Bourne		208 00	
" " Church at Jackson and Brooks		30 00	
" " For $500, Rockland Bond		498 75	
" " " Printing and Stationary		127 20	
" " Interest on Note to Sewall Fund		63 00	
" " Treasurer's account		61 38	
			$ 13093 47
June 11, 1880—By Balance on hand			92 86
			$13186 33

Errors Excepted.

J. MAXWELL, Treasurer.

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ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE.

Caribou	$ 2 33	Patten	15 00
Carroll and Springfield	00 00	Presque Isle	5 00
Fort Fairfield	27 00	Sherman	9 25
Houlton	10 00	Conference	21 22
Island Falls	10 00		
Lee	00 00		$99 83
Passadumkeag	00 00		

Expended.....$1,453.00.

CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE.

Baldwin and Sebago	$14 67	Portland, St. Lawrence	36 88
Cape Elizabeth—1st	14 48	" West	16 00
" " Ligonia	20 00	" Plymouth	52 00
Deering—1st	66 00	" Williston	60 84
" Woodford's	110 91	" Individuals	46 50
Falmouth—1st	34 25	Scarboro	27 24
" 2nd	00 00	Standish	17 00
Gorham	120 88	Westbrook, Saccarappa	00 00
Portland 2nd	34 00	" Warren Ch	00 00
" High Street	210 00	Windham	45 00
" 4th	00 00		
" Bethel	15 00		$1,789 65
" State Street	848 00		

Expended.....$366.00.

CUMBERLAND NORTH CONFERENCE.

Auburn, High St	$250 00	Minot Centre	20 26
" 6th St	10 25	Minot West and Hebron	00 00
" West	16 17	New Gloucester	10 00
Brunswick	194 67	North Yarmouth	16 00
Cumberland	50 00	Poland	00 00
Durham	4 45	Pownal	8 00
Freeport	36 35	Turner	12 50
" South	39 70	Yarmouth, 1st	95 67
Gray	38 00	" Central	44 40
Harpswell	38 00		
Lewiston, Pine St	95 13		$994 55
Mechanic Falls	15 00		

Expended.....$471.50.

FRANKLIN CONFERENCE.

Farmington, 1st	$64 25	Temple	15 00
" Falls	6 75	Weld	25 83
Industry	00 00	Wilton	60 00
New Sharon	12 50	Rangeley	9 00
New Vineyard	5 00	Conference	5 70
Phillips	5 00		
Strong	4 00		$213 03

Expended.....$675.00.

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HANCOCK CONFERENCE.

Amherst and Aurora	$ 00 00	Isle au Haut	00 00
Bluehill	11 00	Orland	30 00
Brooksville West	7 50	Sedgwick and Brooksville	5 00
Bucksport	136 75	Sedgwick Village	00 00
Castine	53 00	Somesville	12 50
Deer Isle 1st	27 65	Tremont	14 25
Deer Isle 2nd	00 00		
Ellsworth	70 60		$368 25

Expended.....$276.00

KENNEBEC CONFERENCE.

Augusta	$250 60	Richmond	33 00
Benton	7 07	Sidney	0 00
Clinton	0 00	Vassalboro	0 00
Gardiner	65 50	Waterville	25 00
Hallowell	80 00	Winslow	57 75
Litchfield	20 00	Winthrop	87 03
Monmouth	33 00		
Pittston	8 21		$667 16

Expended.....$525.00.

LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOC CONFERENCE.

Alna	$24 00	Thomaston	69 40
Bath, Winter Street	321 25	Topsham	15 36
" Central	290 00	Union	31 00
Boothbay 1st	5 00	Waldoboro 1st	19 33
" 2nd	51 04	" 2nd	00 00
Bremen	00 00	Warren 2nd	27 00
Bristol	10 00	Washington	00 00
Edgecomb	19 12	Wiscasset	18 24
Lisbon	2 00	Woolwich	22 16
Newcastle 1st	5 00	Cushing	5 00
" 2nd	40 06		
Phipsburg	15 00		$1,043 96
Rockland	54 00		

Expended.....$450.00

OXFORD CONFERENCE.

Andover	22 25	Rumford	0 00
Bethel, 1st	56 00	South Paris	36 50
" 2nd	20 00	Sumner	14 00
Dixfield	2 00	Upton	5 00
Gilead	18 00	Conference	5 00
Norway 1st	11 75		
" 2nd	8 81		$202 31
Oxford	3 00		

Expended.....$302.00.

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PENOBSCOT CONFERENCE.

Bangor 1st	$105 74	Kenduskeag	00 00
" Hammond Street	263 17	Lincoln	00 00
" Central	504 01	Oldtown	64 00
" East	00 00	Orono	14 30
" West	10 00	East Orrington	00 00
Brewer 1st	98 38	Upper Stillwater	8 00
" Village	00 00	Veazie	0 00
Burlington	00 00	Milford	20 00
Dedham	5 00	East Eddington	1 00
Dixmont and Plymouth	00 00		
Hampden	15 00		$1,126 85
Holden	18 25		

Expended.....$312.00.

PISCATAQUIS CONFERENCE.

Abbot	$00 00	Greenville	43 00
Atkinson	00 00	Monson	41 00
Blanchard	13 00	Sangerville	00 00
Brownville	11 65	Conference	15 00
Dexter	12 00		
Foxcroft and Dover	148 00		$329 65
Garland	46 00		

Expended.....$650.00.

SOMERSET CONFERENCE.

Anson	$00 00	Norridgewock	51 60
Athens	00 00	Skowhegan	98 61
Bingham	00 00	Solon	10 00
Madison	26 00	South Solon	5 00
" East	5 15	St. Albans	2 85
Mercer	8 00		
New Portland No	0 00		$207 21

Expended.....$325.00.

UNION CONFERENCE.

Albany	$23 00	Lovell	33 96
Bridgton	29 47	Naples	7 00
" North	53 00	Otisfield	8 00
" South	39 00	Stow and Chatham	2 00
Brownfield	31 00	Sweden	12 24
Casco	00 00	Waterford	13 60
Denmark	00 00	" North	6 25
Fryeburg	10 66	Conference	20 00
Harrison	8 25		
Hiram	4 75		$302 18

Expended.....$525.00.

WALDO CONFERENCE.

Belfast	$132 50	Sandy Point	0 00
" North	00 00	Searsport 1st	187 00
Camden	37 00	" 2nd	10 00
Frankfort	00 00	Winterport	1 00
Freedom	10 00	Thorndike	9 50
Jackson and Brooks	10 00		
Rockport	0 00		$397 00

Expended.....$60.00.

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WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

Calais 1st	$34 00	Northfield	0 00
Cherryfield	0 00	Pembroke	6 72
Cooper	0 00	Perry	10 00
Dennysville	20 00	Princeton	25 00
Eastport	11 52	Robbinston	10 00
Jonesport	0 00	Red Beach	12 00
Machias	0 00	Topsfield	0 00
Machias East	0 00	Whiting	0 00
Machiasport	49 87	Whitneyville	6 00
Marshfield	0 00		
Milltown, N. B.	0 00		$185 11

Expended.....$700.00.

YORK CONFERENCE.

Acton	$34 90	Lyman	20 00
Alfred	20 00	Newfield West	12 50
Biddeford 1st	12 00	Parsonsfield	0 00
" 2nd	34 00	Saco	123 42
" Pavilion	5 25	Sanford	5 00
Buxton South	3 20	" South	5 00
" North	0 00	Shepley	0 00
Cornish	10 00	So. Berwick	92 00
Elliot	0 00	Wells 1st	80 28
Kennebunk Union	56 66	" 2nd	20 00
Kennebunkport 1st	9 90	York 1st	38 00
" South	0 00	" 2nd	75
Kittery	18 00	Conference	12 60
Lebanon	18 00		
Limerick	14 00		$645 46
Limington	0 00		

Expended.....$934.00.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Joseph Sweetser, Esq., Malden, Mass., special	$ 100 00
Rev. Jotham Sewall, Chicago	2 00
Rev. E. P. Thwing, New York	5 00
Mrs. S. Bowker, Salem, N. H	1 00
Friend, Chicago	4 00
Deacon's Gold Dollar	1 00
Maine friend, Salem, N. H	2 00
State Conference, Winthrop	58 27
Secretary, preaching	51 50
	$ 224 77

Expended for balance of State Missionary's salary, $310 00.

The amount in the foregoing tables is $8,796.97 received; $8,334.50 expended.

Fifty-seven churches are marked as having no credit for the year; but it is just to note that several of these have contributed since June 10th, when the account for the year closed. Most of the others are very feeble, and have no supply.

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LICENTIATES, including also those employed for a portion of the year, and reference to their place of service.

George Allchin, Norway 1st.....124
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William E. Archibald, Naples.....124
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Alvah L. De Long, Lincoln.....123
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R. W. Jamison, Medway.....124
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Robert M. Peacock, Baldwin and Sebago.....122
N. New Portland and Bingham, 125, 130
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CONSTITUTION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE
OF THE

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES IN MAINE

REVISED JUNE 24, 1879.

ARTICLE 1. This Conference shall be called the GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES IN MAINE.

ART. 2. The General Conference shall consist of six delegates from each County Conference which has twenty or more churches,—three ministers and three laymen; and four delegates from each County Conference which has less than twenty churches,—two ministers and two laymen; and also of the officers, preachers, and committee for the time for which they were chosen; the delegates who the preceding year fulfilled their appointment, and the minister of the place where the Conference meets.

ART. 3. Both ministers and others present may, at the discretion of the Moderator, be invited to participate in the deliberations of this body, though only members shall have the right to vote.

ART. 4. The presiding officer shall be a Moderator, chosen by ballot, to continue in office three years.

ART. 5. There shall be a Corresponding Secretary chosen by ballot, who shall hold his office for three years, whose duty it shall be to conduct the correspondence of the Conferenee, and also to collect information, and at each meeting exhibit a report of the state of religion within the limits of this Conference.

ART. 6. A Recording Secretary shall have charge of the Records of the Conference, who shall be elected by ballot, and hold his office for three years.

ART. 7. The object of the General Conference shall be to promote intercourse and harmony among the churches of the State, and to produce a more extensive co-operation in every good work.

ART. 8. The several County Conferences shall retain their individual rights and privileges; and no ecclesiastical power or authority shall ever be assumed by the General Conference, or be delegated to it.

ART. 9. The Conference shall meet on the Tuesday preceding the third Wednesday of June, annually, at nine o'clock A. M., at the place at which the Maine Missionary Society shall hold their annual meeting.

ART. 10. The Annual Meeting of this Conference shall be opened with singing, reading the Scriptures and prayer; and each subsequent session, whether for business or devotion, shall be opened with reading the Scriptures and prayer.

ART. 11. At each meeting of the Conference, a Committee of Arrangements consisting of three, shall be appointed for the succeeding meeting, and the subjects to be brought before the Conference shall ordinarily be introduced through their hands, and with their approbation.

ART. 12. This Conference may interchange friendly correspondence with other religious bodies in the habit of such intercourse, and delegates from other bodies to this Conference shall be admitted as honorary members, to participate in the deliberations.

ART. 13. Any County Conference may withdraw from this connection, by assigning to the Recording Secretary their reasons in writing.

ART. 14. The funds of the Conference to be raised by a contribution at each annual meeting, after deducting the incidental expenses, shall be paid into the Treasury of the Maine Missionary Society.

ART. 15. The Lord's Supper shall be administered at the close of the public religious services, or at such other time as Conference may appoint.

ART. 16. The Conference shall establish its own by-laws and regulations, subject to alterations at their future meetings.

ART. 17. The Constitution of this Conference may be altered at an annual meeting of this body, by two-thirds of the members present.

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Rules of the General Conference of the Congregational Churches in Maine.

REVISED JUNE 23, 1870.

1. At the appointed time for the assembling of the Conference, the Moderator shall take the chair and open the meeting, as provided in the Constitution;—or, in his absence, the Recording Secretary shall call the members to order, and to the choice of a Moderator, who shall then conduct the devotional exercises.

2. The certificates of delegates shall then be laid upon the table, and the names of members enrolled.

3. The Constitution and Rules of the Conference shall then be read.

4. Next shall follow the election of officers as provided by the Constitution, and the appointment of committees.

5. At each meeting of the Conference, a first and second preacher shall be appointed for the next meeting.

6. The roll shall be called at the close of the first session, and at least once each day, subsequently, during the sitting of the Conference.

7. Every motion, on being seconded shall, if requested, be reduced to writing.

8. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, commitment, division of the question, termination of debate, to lay upon the table, or yeas and nays:—and these motions, except that for amendment, shall not be debated.

9. There shall be a Standing Committee of Nominations consisting of six persons, so constituted that one-third of its members shall go out of office each year; and the precedence in vacating seats in this Board shall be in the order in which said committee is elected by this Conference. The committee shall elect a chairman, who shall keep a record of all appointments made by the Conference, in accordance with the annual report of the committee of nominations, and this committee shall have power to fill such vacancies as occur during the recess of the Conference.

10. The returns of the churches shall be made up to and include the first Sabbath in May, of each year,—and the publishing committee shall prepare blank schedules, and furnish them to the several Conferences for that purpose.

11. A committee of one from each County Conference shall be chosen annually to visit the Theological Seminary, Bangor. Such persons as have been selected by the several Conferences to represent them in said committee, shall first be reported. Vacancies to be filled by the nominating committee.

12. The Recording Secretary shall notify members appointed to services by the Conference, of such appointment, by letter, at the expense of Conference.

13. The printed Minutes of the Conference shall be the credentials of delegates to corresponding bodies. In case any delegate is unable, either by himself or his substitute, to attend in person, it shall be regarded as his duty to forward a written communication to the corresponding body for which he was appointed.

14. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to incorporate with the Minutes of Conference, a brief account of the meetings of the religious Societies, which hold their anniversaries in connection with the Conference.

15. A Publishing Committee, consisting of three, shall be annually appointed to superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes,—they shall issue the Minutes as soon as possible, and forward to each minister a copy by mail.

16. The Publishing Committee shall make known to the several County Conferences, the sum that may be needed to defray the expenses of publishing the Minutes of the Conference, or whatever balance may be due, after appropriating the annual collection at General Conference.

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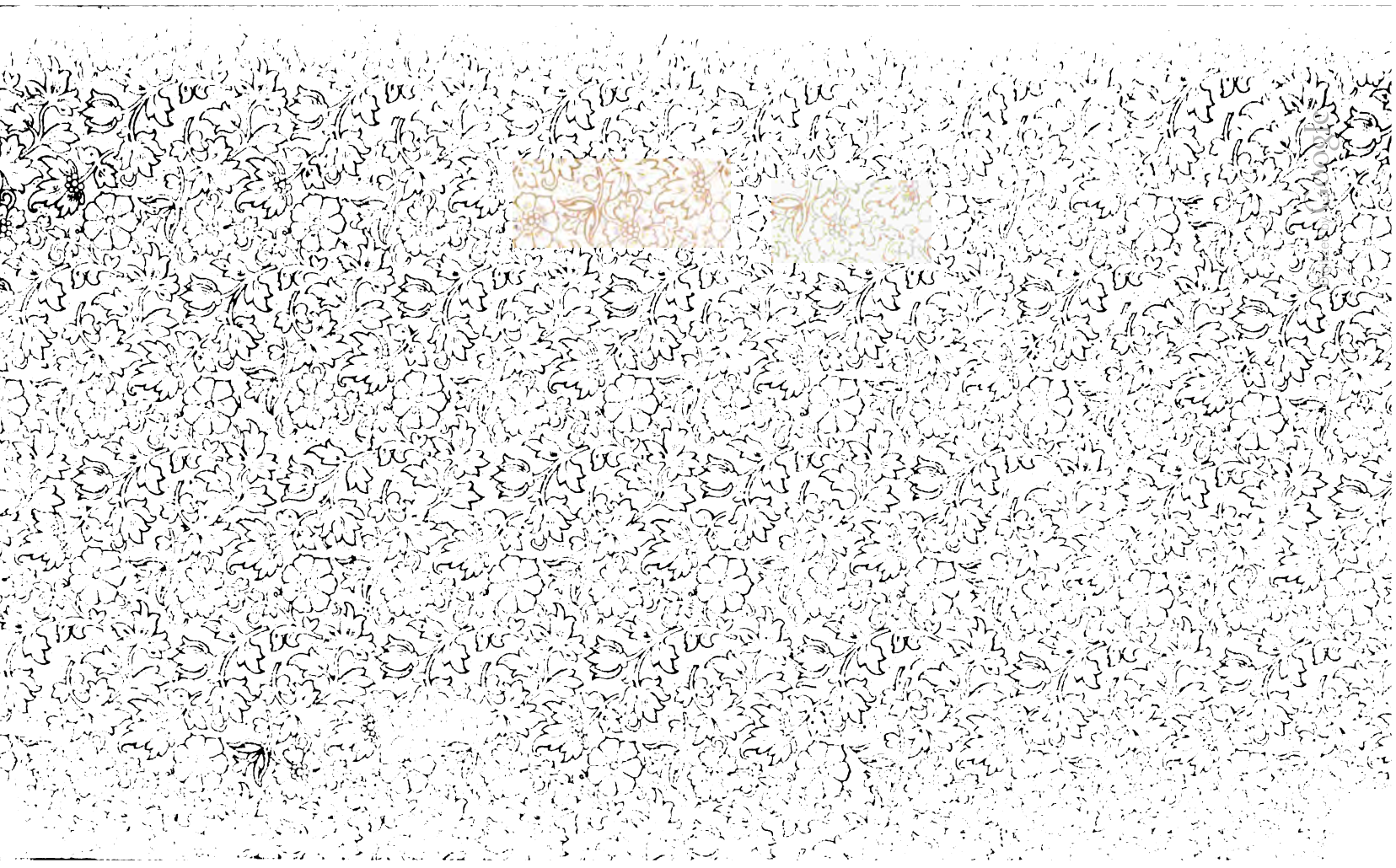

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